

Correspondence - Director

FOA/W

September 30, 1954

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Joint State-FOA Message.

USFOTO 102. Corson departing Jidda October 1, with Ambassador's concurrence. Will call at NE Missions enroute U.S. according

USFOTO 110. ETA Washington October 26.

Remaining liquidation matters turned over to Taylor and Embassy Administrative Officer. ~~Closeout date about November 15.~~

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
September 27, 1954

Dr. Robert D. Dolley
Chief, Education Division
USA Operations Mission to
Saudi Arabia
Jidda

Dear Bob:

With the closing down of the USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia, due to reasons completely outside its sphere of activities, I feel it quite apropos to state some of the things which you have done here on which you have amply proven your capabilities, in spite of the fact that you never had an executed project agreement to implement.

1. You have the confidence and respect of all the Saudi Government officials, as well as leading citizens with whom you have come in contact.

2. Working under the most adverse conditions, you have personally prepared and submitted more than 40 training participant applications for FOA/W consideration, an average of two a month for the time you have been here.

3. You organized, operated and placed on a self-sustaining basis the Jidda School of Commerce, one of the best schools of its kind in the Middle East. This school has handled over 400 adult students and secured employment or salary and position advances for nearly all its graduates.

4. You made a survey of the educational needs of the Saudi Government Railroad, submitted reports, drew up training plans, procedures, advised on building construction for schools and prepared the cooperative project with the Ministry of Communications, all of which was warmly accepted by the Minister.

5. You assisted in the preparation of the Communication Ministry budget, graphically organized and detailed the administrative organization of this new Ministry, and prepared all job specifications for the personnel, including flow charts for routine procedures in the offices.

6. You performed similar services for the new Ministry of Education, going much further in detail on administration, school organization, position specifications and descriptions, and financial procedures. Your organizational set-ups were adopted by the Ministry of Education to be made effective in three stages over the next three years, and on the basis of these plans the budget of the Ministry of Education was increased from \$3,000,000 to \$10,000,000 for the current year.

7. Your administrative organizational work brought repeated requests from the Ministry of Finance for the same assistance, which had to be forgone because of the press of other duties.

8. You have prepared drawings and specifications for elementary schools and rendered advisory assistance to all educational organizations and groups interested in the promotion of education in Saudi Arabia.

9. The Saudi Government has financially supported your trainee program with an investment of approximately \$130,000 or more, and is still vitally interested in it.

I would like to take advantage of this opportunity of expressing to you my appreciation of your abilities and the cooperativeness that you have always shown in my contacts with you.

I wish you the very best of everything in your work and life in Djakarta. Kindest personal regards to you and your family, I am,

Sincerely,

/s/ Harland J. Corson

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
September 27, 1954

Mr. Walter E. Besser
Office of the Controller
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Walt:

In reading over the copy of "Administrative Audit Report for Jidda" prepared by you during your recent visit here, there are several points to which I would like to call attention.

At the bottom of page 4, you state that "no steps have been taken to exercise the cancellation option" of the program and project agreements listed on that page. Four or five weeks ago, Ambassador Wadsworth wrote a rather extensive letter to the Deputy Foreign Minister, Shaikh Yousef Yassan requesting SAG's views regarding the disposition which should be given to these subsidiary agreements. To date, no reply has been received but both the Embassy and this Mission have taken the stand that with the cancellation of the over-all agreement, all subsidiary agreements automatically become cancelled.

On page 5, the verbal agreement pertaining to housing is not with Aziz Sudairi but with the Ministry of Finance, such agreement covering the occupancy of SAG and furnished houses on the Compound. Two of such houses have already been turned back to the Government and two additional ones will probably be turned back next week and still another within the following week. The Sudairi lease reads that it expires September 15, 1955, but since it is cancelled at the end of the second year, i.e., September 1954, notice of cancellation was given to Shaikh Sudairi on August 30. The apparent discrepancy in dates is due to the fact that the FBO representative here had arranged in writing with the owner of the Sudairi apartment house that the effective date of the lease would be September 30 rather than September 15, due to the fact that by September 15, 1952, the property was not ready for occupancy. We have moved practically all the Mission things off this property and it will be returned to the office at the end of this month.

I thought you would be interested in having these corrections.

I am returning herewith office memoranda which I feel you left here by mistake.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

COPY

Re Corson

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
September 25, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM : Robert D. Dolley, Chief ~~ED~~
Education Division

SUBJECT: Cigarettes purchased for USAOM Mission

Mr. Binzager, the distributor for Pall Mall and Lucky Strike cigarettes in Jidda, has just sent word to me that he is very anxious to collect the 220 riyals balance due on a case of Pall Mall cigarettes, which you directed me to purchase last fall for general distribution at wholesale prices to members of the USAOM Mission here in Jidda.

As you may recall, I have mentioned this matter to you a number of times and if my memory serves me correctly, you were going to try to secure Embassy clearance so that this duty could be waived. It was our understanding at the time that this purchase was made that Customs duties would be cleared through our Embassy in exactly the same manner that all other Embassies in Jidda secure clearance on merchandise - in this case, secured from the local distributor for the exclusive use of members of the diplomatic Mission. It would seem to me that clearance might be secured through our Embassy in order that this matter could be cleared up at an early date.

Mr. Binzager is determined that he have either clearance on a case of Pall Mall cigarettes or the Customs duty, which amounts to 220 riyals or approximately \$61.00.

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AmEmbassy, Amman

September 25, 1954

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For Gregory.

Did Seager send outline of report agreed Beirut conference to
NE directors? FOA/W concurred and authorized I pick up and discuss
these reports enroute U.S.

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TO: FOA/W

DATE: September 23, 1954

Tousfo 106, USFOTO 110.

Ambassador in Dhahran. Expected return September 26 or 27. Prior his departure, he requested I await his return to discuss during ensuing several days pending liquidation matters.

Ambassador concurring, expect depart Jidda October 2 enroute Washington via NE capitals. Will advise ETA Washington later.

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Date: Aug 262319Z, 1954
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Recd: Aug 270846Z

FROM: SECSTATE

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USFOTO 62 Not intended rule out Beirut Conference.

Attendance approved.

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POA/W

August 22, 1954

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Appreciate your USFOTO 62 August 19. Mission liquidation proceeding as well as could be expected.

Our two chief outstanding questions are disposition subsidiary agreements (which should be materially advanced this week with return Yusef Yassin from fortnight vacation) and reassignment of personnel.

Do I understand your last sentence to mean you would prefer I not attend Beirut Conference September 9 - 10? My representational activities since last May have been nil.

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Aug 251000Z, 1954

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Recd: Aug 261439Z, 1954

FROM: BEIRUT

SENT DEPT TOUSFO 113 RPTD INFO CAIRO USOM 19 BAGHDAD USOM 19
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Re TOUSFO 80. Genesis of country directors meeting was desirability informal exchange of field views on broad policy of assistance programs and on regional relationships without formal agenda or record and with attendance limited to directors. FOA/W Deputy Director for Technical Services William Russell will attend with Seager. Meeting not intended to perform functions of December Istanbul Conference but to avoid detailed discussions of Administrative, Personnel, Fiscal and Procurement problems. Annual Regional Meeting on Istanbul pattern likely by mid-November in Cairo or Athens.

Accordingly, propose for your consideration at first meeting that Directors discuss future policy direction of economic, technical and military assistance programs in light of Congressional and Executive Policy and of recent field experience, including following: Programs for Saudi Arabia and Syria; current regional programs; U.N. and other non-U.S. investment and business activity; Arab League and other area organizations with more than single country development potential; outstanding country programs successes and failures; roads and communications; the community development idea; power developments; loans versus grant aid; phasing out of specific programs; Palestinian refugees; FY 55 funds and allocations; regional meeting in November.

FOA/W suggests avoid publicity.

Reservations and meetings in Grand Hotel, Beit Meri, half hour in mountains from Beirut with swimming facilities available in Beirut.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OPERATIONS MISSION
NEAR EAST AND AFRICA
REGIONAL AUDIOVISUAL SERVICE
c/o American Embassy, Cairo, Egypt

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July 26, 1954.

Mr. Harold J. Corson
Country Director
USOM/Saudi-Arabia
American Embassy
Jedda.

Dear Mr. Corson:

I just received word that USOM/Saudi-Arabia is being closed down. I had a talk this morning with Mr. Frank Elmore, the Regional Legal Adviser, concerning Audio Visual equipment which was recently sent to your Mission. Since your Mission is closing down operations, it is highly desirable that we reclaim the equipment which was sent to you from the Regional Audio-Visual stockpile. This equipment was sent the first part of June via a commercial shipping firm (Near-East Superintending Co.) ~~At that time~~ I sent you a letter on July 2nd, with their bill and copies of the packing list as they were sent. Mr. Elmore suggested that I write to you immediately concerning the disposition of this equipment. If you have not consigned the equipment to the Government of Saudi-Arabia, it would be possible for you to reship it back to the Regional Service.

I would appreciate a letter from you as to any arrangements which could be made if this is possible. I am very anxious to know if the re-transfer to the stockpile can be made since I have requests from other Missions of the NEA area to fulfill and I believe that I am going to be short of equipment.

Your cooperation in this matter will be sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Don Jordan

Donald I. Jordan
Director.

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FROM: DHAHRAN

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Sept 28
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From Ambassador for Corson.

Re Jidda Embtel 59 September 27 to Dhahran.

Why try cut things so fine? If I return Wednesday 29th it seems unlikely you can before October 1st brief me properly on liquidation position, get our satisfactory joint reply to Hart's letter September 14 on "basic reasons for Saudi action in terminating Point Four" and do all last minute chores your office, your wife and Embassy will be throwing at you. Besides I owe you a dinner.

Please have draft your version of "basic reasons" ready for me Tuesday evening.

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HC Date: Sept 28, 1954
Control: USOM 13
Recd: Sept 29, 1954

FROM: AMMAN

Seager's general outline included in letter Warner and
copies transmitted all NEA Directors.

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FROM: BEIRUT

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Alls well. ETA Jidda LN 140 Tuesday.

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
September 19, 1954

My dear Senator Ellender:

I have the honor to furnish you herewith the information which you requested regarding the activities of the Point 4 Mission in Saudi Arabia.

According to information available here, Technical Assistance was first requested of the U.S. Government by the Saudi Arabian Government in 1949, when the Saudi Arabian Government requested assistance in developing and carrying out a water development program. Dr. Glen Brown was assigned to this job and work and was started early in 1950, under Public Law 403, under a grant from the State Department. \$55,000 was made available to Dr. Brown and his assistant, Roy Jackson, to cover aerial photography in the Asir-Tihama area involving about 20,000 square miles. Field work was started in the Fall of 1950, but was interrupted frequently by urgent calls from the King and/or Minister of Finance to develop water supply for Riyadh and other centers of population. Two years later the field work in the Asir-Tihama area was finally completed and exploratory drilling was started by Bechtel, SAG contractors. \$650,000 of equipment was purchased by the Saudi Arabian Government and the cost of drilling crews and expenses was borne by the Saudi Arabian Government, plus cost of furnished housing for Dr. Brown, Mr. Jackson and their families.

On January 17, 1951, the U.S. Government and the Saudi Arabian Government executed an agreement whereby the former would provide technical assistance to the latter for the purpose of developing the economic resources and productive capacities of Saudi Arabia. The first two requests made by the Saudi Arabian Government for assistance under that agreement were in the fields of water development and public finance, including currencies, tariffs and customs.

A public finance mission arrived in Saudi Arabia during the early part of 1952 to study the financial situation and, as a result of such

Hon. Allen Ellender
c/o American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

study, the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency was established in October of that year. Furthermore, that Mission effected a comprehensive study of tariffs and such activities culminated in a new Tariff Law which became effective on December 3, 1952.

Water development work was continued by Dr. Brown, his assistant, and two geologists.

In February 1952, Dr. Samuel Stratton was appointed the first Country Director of this Mission, remaining in that post until December of the same year, when his appointment expired. During his administration program agreements in the respective fields of activity were executed, as well as the agreements covering the Riyadh-Jidda Railway Survey and the Community Development. Although negotiations were carried on in other fields of activity, there were only four project agreements executed during the FY-53 period under the above program agreements -- (1) Aerial Survey, involving a U.S. expenditure of \$115,000; (2) Railway Survey, involving a U.S. expenditure of about \$300,000; (3) Quarantine Station, involving a U.S. expenditure of \$100,000 (\$50,000 of which was a carry over into FY-54), and (4) the Community Development, involving a U.S. expenditure of \$500,000. In addition to the above expenditures, there was the cost of U.S. technicians on each project. The Saudi Arabian Government contributions for the above projects comprised -- (1) Quarters, subsistence and supplies for crews, as well as gasoline, oil and oxygen; (2) equivalent of \$27,000 for gasoline, oil and other supplies, housing and subsistence in Jidda for project manager and technicians, aircraft and crews for aerial reconnaissance; (3) about \$10,000 in modification of existing buildings, installation of electric generator and cost of installation of U.S. equipment, and (4) \$500,000 in kind and cash.

During the FY-53 period, little was accomplished in the fields of education and agriculture due to the adverse attitude on the part of the Saudi Arabian Government toward outside assistance in educational work and lack of any sort of agricultural organization within the Saudi Arabian Government.

To date, 32 U.S. training grants have been issued, averaging about \$4,000 each, the Saudi Arabian Government contributing about the same amount. In addition, 11 AUB training grants have been issued.

Activities for FY-54 comprised Technical Assistance programs and Economic Aid projects. U.S. funds for such programs totaled \$1,462,000 and for such projects, \$3,350,000. Although SAG contributions covering these programs and projects had not been fully established, it can be said that such contributions would have been from two to three times greater than U.S. contributions.

Technical assistance programs comprised the following fields of activity:

Agriculture
Natural Resources
Education

Health and Sanitation
Public Administration
Transportation and Communications

Economic aid projects comprised the following fields of activity:

Water development
Roads - planning and engineering
Abha Irrigation Dam, and
Improvement of the Port of Gizan

The number of U.S. employees on our payroll, both administrative and program, at the end of each fiscal year, were as follows:

June 30, 1951 - 2
June 30, 1952 - 6
June 30, 1953 - 20
June 30, 1954 - 29

At the present time, this Mission has 40 units of motor equipment, mostly field units, purchased from program funds. Also, two D-7 Caterpillar bulldozers, two Caterpillar D-12 motor graders, and one Chevrolet water tank truck, purchased from Community Development funds. All of this equipment is being prepared for shipment to USOM Missions at Amman and Baghdad.

With respect to termination of our work in Saudi Arabia, I believe I can best answer your question by quoting first, the substance of the pertinent Saudi Foreign Office note of July 11, 1954, and second, the substance of a subsequent State Department press release on the subject. We do not, unfortunately, have the final form in which the latter was issued.

1. "The Saudi Arabian Foreign Office presents its compliments.... and has the honor to state that it has decided not to renew the Point Four Agreement (USFOA). At the same time, it expresses its thanks to the U.S. Government and the Point Four people for the services offered by them to the country".

2. "The Saudi Arabian Government has indicated that it plans to finance future economic development projects from its own funds from oil revenues and that consequently, it is not requesting the U.S. Government to continue the Agreement of January 17, 1951, covering Technical Assistance and some demonstration equipment for joint programs".

I trust that the above information is in accordance with your wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
September 16, 1954

Mr. Clark S. Gregory, Director
USA Operations Mission to Jordan
c/o American Embassy
Amman, Jordan

Dear Greg:

Due to the liquidation of this Mission, this is to remind you that it will no longer be necessary to send to Jidda a copy of your Monthly Program Summary.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
September 16, 1954

Mr. Clifford Willson, Director
USA Operations Mission to India
American Embassy
New Delhi, India

Dear Mr. Willson:

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Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
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Admiral H. R. Stevens, Director
USA Operations Mission to Egypt
c/o American Embassy
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Admiral:

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Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
September 16, 1954

Mr. Ralph Will, Director
USA Operations Mission to Pakistan
American Embassy
Karachi, Pakistan

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Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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Mr. Corson
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
September 16, 1954

Mr. Henry W. Wiens, Director
USA Operations Mission to Iraq
c/o American Embassy
Baghdad, Iraq

Dear Henry:

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Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
September 16, 1954

Mr. William E. Warne, Director
USA Operations Mission to Iran
c/o American Embassy
Tehran, Iran

Dear Bill:

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Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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Mr. Corson (1)
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
September 16, 1954

Mr. Glenn H. Easton, Director
USA Operations Mission to Libya
c/o American Legation
Tripoli, Libya

Dear Mr. Easton:

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Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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Date: Sept 050655Z, 1954

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FROM: BEIRUT

For Corson

Advise ETA Beirut attendance Country Directors meeting.

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Attendance approved.

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FROM: BEIRUT

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FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION

Washington 25, D.C.

August 16, 1954



Mr. Harland J. Corson
Director, USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Jerry:

I am acknowledging receipt, on Paul Taggart's behalf, since he is on military leave, your letters to him of July 17 and July 21. I scarcely think comment on Sadek Hussein's memorandum is called for in view of subsequent events. The personnel problems you raise have already been handled by our Personnel Division, or at least are being given priority attention.

I appreciate how trying the past few weeks must have been for you. I would like you to know that you are all much in our thoughts. I believe that we are to meet in Beirut shortly, and I look forward to that.

Sincerely yours,

Cedric H. Seager
Acting Regional Director
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations

TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: **SECSTATE**

DATE: **AUGUST 132357Z, 1954**

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RECEIVED: **AUGUST 140936Z, 1954**

Joint State-FOA Message; Press Release.

USFOTO 29 and Embtel 46.

In view development of story by Washington wire service acting independently, we today releasing agreed text press statement concerning termination program. Reference Embtel 34 assume conversations not fruitful and therefore public announcement not inimical.

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HJCorson
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
August 14, 1954

Mr. Clark S. Gregory, Director
USA Operations Mission to Jordan
American Embassy
Amman, Jordan

Dear Mr. Gregory:

I refer to your cable USOM 4, dated August 4, requesting biographical data for all available U.S. personnel interested in being transferred to Amman.

The only one to date who has expressed such interest is Miss Mary Parrish, secretary. Accordingly, I am attaching hereto her biographical data. In the event that others express interest in being transferred to Amman, I will send you their biographical data immediately.

Sincerely,

HJC
Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Enclosure -
bio. data

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Biographical Data

Name: Mary E. Parrish Position: Secretary
Born - Kents Store, Virginia - August 1930.
Education: Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia
 BS in Business Administration

Experience:

June 1952 - March 1954 - U. S. Office of Education
 GS-5 Secretary

April 1954 to present - USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia.

August 15, 1954.

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H. Corson
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
August 8, 1954

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Mr. Hugh D. Farley, Director
USA Operations Mission to Lebanon
American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Mr. Farley:

Thanks ever so much for sending me a copy of your personal report to FOA/W covering the activities of the USAOM/Lebanon during the past six months. I found this informative report of considerable interest.

I am preparing a history of Point IV in Saudi Arabia and will be glad to send you a copy of same when it is completed.

Sincerely,

HJC
Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

W. Corson

American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
August 8, 1954

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Mr. Norman E. Gulich
Chief, Industry & Transportation Section
USA Operations Mission to Lebanon
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Mr. Gulich:

I wish to thank you for sending me a copy of the Government of Lebanon's Justification Report for Economic Assistance, entitled FIVE YEAR ROAD NETWORK PROGRAM IN LEBANON.

This is a magnificent presentation covering roads development work and I regret that we will not be in Saudi Arabia long enough to be able to make use of this and other material which you might send us pertaining to your road program.

Sincerely,

HJC
Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OPERATIONS MISSION TO LEBANON



Point 4

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AMERICAN EMBASSY

Beirut, Lebanon, July 21, 1954

REF: ID-8/2-161

Dear Mr. Corson:

We are sending you herewith a copy of the Government of Lebanon's Justification Report for Economic Assistance, entitled FIVE YEAR ROAD NETWORK PROGRAM IN LEBANON. This has been the latest development in our roads program with the Ministry of Public Works, Government of Lebanon. We will continue sending you material on our road program as it develops in accordance with Mr. Hugh D. Farley's letter of June 7, 1954.

Yours truly,

N.E. Gulich
Norman E. Gulich
Chief

Industry & Transportation Section

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Farley

Mr. Harland J. Corson,
Country Director,
USOM/Saudi Arabia,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
August 7, 1954

Mr. William J. Caldwell
Director, Office of Public Reports
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

I appreciate your sending this Mission a tape recording by Governor Stassen conveying his message to all USOM personnel.

I feel that these periodic recordings by the Governor are most effective since the spoken word is more impressive than the printed word. More frequent recordings might be advisable as a means of conveying to the field through the spoken word the thinking of FOA/W on major foreign aid issues.

Sincerely,

HJC
Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION

Washington 25, D.C.



July 9, 1954

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Mr. Harland J. Carson
Director, U.S.A. Operations Mission to
Saudi Arabia
c/o American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

WJC

Dear Mr. Carson:

In line with experiments in communication between FOA/W and USOM's, there is enclosed herewith another tape recording by Governor Stassen. This particular message is directed to all USOM personnel, both U.S. citizens and nationals of the host country.

Appropriate distribution of this informal talk -- through use of tape or transcript -- is left to your discretion. I would appreciate reports on the use of this message and the various reactions to it.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Caldwell

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William J. Caldwell
Director
Office of Public Reports

Enclosure

American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
August 5, 1954

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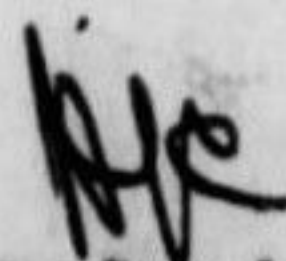
Attention: P. M. Offill, Jr., Vice President

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter dated July 29th, which was received just today, informing us of your work in the field of small economical manufacturing plants for limited production of basic commodities - "UNITPLANTS".

I regret that it will not be possible to make use of your work in this connection in Saudi Arabia due to the fact that our Mission here is being liquidated. I suggest, however, that you inform in detail the newly formed Ministry of Commerce of the Saudi Arabian Government, which Ministry is located here in Jidda. The Minister's name is Shaikh Mohammed Alireza. I am sure that he will welcome any and all information which you can send him regarding "UNITPLANTS".

Sincerely,



Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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July 29th, 1954

Mr. Harland J. Carson
Director, U. S. A. Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia
% American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Carson:

Mr. R. L. Trisko, Director, Office Industrial Resources, F. O. A., in Washington has given us your name so that we could advise you of our work in the development of small economical manufacturing plants - "UNITPLANTS" - for limited production of basic commodities.

The attached Unitplant list will give you a general idea of the Unitplants developed and the products covered. Our development on "Unitplants" has been especially pointed toward those countries which are underdeveloped industrially and are now attempting to develop basic industries. We have attempted to design small economical manufacturing plants so as to keep the initial dollar investment as low as possible. However, each of these plants are expandable for larger productions.

Our engineering associates include industrial engineers who have had actual operating experience in the various industries listed on the attached sheet. Behind each of these "Unitplant" designs, we have assembled detailed information regarding plant layouts, flow of manufacture, and the most modern machinery and equipment available. Therefore, we are prepared to furnish our clients with a complete "Unitplant" including plant design, layout, machinery and equipment, erection, supervision, and training of operating personnel and necessary technical assistance to bring these industrial plants into satisfactory operation. Certain operating Unitplants can be shown to interested clients here and abroad.

We are primarily interested in placing our Unitplant brochures and other data on the various types of manufacture in front of responsible financiers, industrialists, and manufacturing concerns who might be interested in establishing certain of our Unitplants in Saudi Arabia. We would certainly appreciate your studying our attached list of Unitplants and advising us which of the plants might be the most suitable for Saudi Arabia, as well as, whom among your contacts we might write to present our work and discover if any interest can be developed.

We will look forward to hearing from you in answer to this letter and will be glad to send you representative brochures on our Unitplants if you so request them.

Yours very truly,

OFFILL ASSOCIATES, INC.

P. M. Offill Jr.
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Vice President

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Realizing the need in many countries for small industrial plants to manufacture basic commodities, Offill Associates, Inc., has made a canvass of the most modern plants manufacturing the products listed below. Arrangements have been made for the use of trained operators of these plants so that immediate commercial operation can be assured. Offill Associates, Inc., has the know-how available for complete engineering design, necessary equipment, supervision of erection and operation for the following Unitplants:

BUILDING MATERIALS**UNITPLANT****PRODUCT**

A-1	Asbestos Shingles & Siding
B-1	Common Red Brick
B-2	Hollow Clay Tile
B-3	Firebrick
C-1	Portland Cement - Dry Process
C-2	Portland Cement - Wet Process
E-1	Gypsum Plaster
E-2	Gypsum Wallboard
G-2	Window Glass
J-1	Hollow Cement Building Blocks
K-1	Rock Wool
T-1	Ceramic Wall Tile
T-2	Asphalt Floor Tile

OTHER BASIC COMMODITIES

D-1	Automotive Storage Batteries
F-1	Fish Reduction
G-1	Glass Containers
G-3	Glass Marbles
G-4	Glass Fiber
G-5	Glass Table and Art Ware
H-1	Banana Dehydration
L-1	Block Ice
P-1	Pottery - Dinner and Art Ware

We solicit your serious inquiries and will be glad to send upon request our Unitplant questionnaire on the specific manufacturing unit in which you are interested. The reply to our questionnaire will enable us to give you detailed and accurate information on the type of manufacturing unit to be considered.

American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
August 3, 1954

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that this Mission permits its
employee, Abdul-Kadir El Mass Khomayes, to depart for Cairo,
Egypt, for medical treatment.

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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August 1, 1954

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Sent Dept. 46, from Jidda.

In reply USFOTO 29, July 29, Corson and I suggest following changes in text proposed press release:

In third para begin last sentence with words "It is estimated that" and use "\$2,780,000". (Note: This figure is sum of estimates for FY-52, 53 and 54 taken from TCA and USAOM files. SAC would likely estimate higher figures.)

In fourth para replace words "has been mainly of the pilot project type" by words "was conceived".

Redraft fifth para as follows: "Assistance has been given in establishing administrative procedures within the Government, notably in connection with the organization of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency and in the promulgation of a new customs tariff and drafting of new customs regulations."

In sixth para substitute following for second sentence: "More than a score of test drilling projects have been undertaken, and already a number of producing wells have been brought in."

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 31, 1954

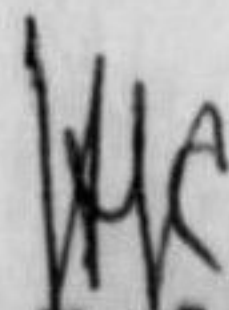
Mr. Clark S. Gregory, Director
USA Operations Mission to Jordan
American Embassy
Amman, Jordan

Dear Mr. Gregory:

Acting upon instructions from FOA/W, I am attaching a copy of our inventory sheets covering nonexpendable items, from which sheets I understand you are to inform Washington as to the quantity and items which we are to ship to USAOM/Jordan. As soon as we have received corresponding instructions from FOA/W, we shall pack and ship the items which have been agreed upon for shipment to you.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Beirut conference in September, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Enclosure -
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Inventory of U.S.-owned Non-Expendables - Household Effects
USOM/Saudi Arabia

Item	List A			List B		
	Worth Shipping			Not Worth Shipping		
	Good	Fair	Need Some Repair	Salable (of cost)		
				50%	35%	20%
1. Air Conditioner (window model)	34	22	8			1
2. Beds, single	18	3		2	1	
3. Beds, double	6	1				
4. Bookcase	3				2	
5. Buffet	2				1	
6. Closet, China	2					
7. Closet, Linen	1					
8. Chair, Overstuffed	27	4			4	
9. Chair, Dining	72	1	1		18	
10. Chest, Drawers	24					
11. Chair, Occasional	3	1				
12. Chair, Rocker	3					
13. Chair, Arm	8					
14. Chair, Arm Cushion	5					
15. Couch	1					
16. Cabinet, Kitchen	1	1		8	12	
17. Cabinet, Slide door				1		
18. Cabinet, Wood					4	
19. Cabinet, Medicine	14				2	
20. Desk	1					
21. Divans	10	1			1	
22. Dressers	5	1		1	1	
23. Drapes		9				8
24. Deep Freeze	4	1				
25. Fans, Electric	4					
26. Fans, Ceiling	6					
27. Heater, Electric, Water	10				2	
28. Lamp, Table	28	2	2		1	
29. " Floor	11	2	2		2	
30. Mirror	9				1	
31. Mattress, Single	11	2				
32. " Double	4		1			
33. Mattress & Box Springs	14	2				
34. Springs, bed	6				2	
35. Rug, Fiber & Broadloom	36	16			5	
36. Rug, Bathroom	2	4			4	4
37. Refrigerator, Electric	12	4				
38. " Electrolux	1					

Inventory of U.S.-own Non-Expendables - Household Effects (continued)
USOM/Saudi Arabia

Item	List A			List B		
	Worth Shipping		Need Some Repair	Not Worth Shipping Salable (of cost)		
	Good	Fair		50%	35%	20%
32. Sideboard	8	1		1	1	
40. Shelves, Book	1				1	
41. Stove, Electric	11	1	2			1
42. Stool	7	2			1	
43. Table, Card	2					
44. Table, Coffee	19	1	1	2	2	
45. Table, Dining	12	1		1	1	
46. " Bedside	15	2		1	7	
47. " End	27	3				4
48. " Dressing	3				1	
49. " Side	1	1				
50. " Occasional	5	1			1	
51. Vacuum Cleaner	1					
52. Wardrobe	2			25	13	
53. Washer, Electric	1	1				

Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 29, 1954

Inventory of U.S.-owned Non-Expendables -
Office Furniture and Equipment
USOM/Saudi Arabia

List A

List B

Item	Worth Shipping			Not Worth Shipping		
	Good	Fair	Need Some Repair	Salable 50%	(of cost) 35%	20%
1. Steel bookcases - 4 section	8					
2. Bookcases, mahogany 3 section	2					
3. Steel file cabinets 4 drawer	24	1				
4. Wood bookracks					3	
5. Steel storage cabinets 6 shelf with hat and coat space	7					
6. Printing calculators Remington-Rand	2					
7. Adding machines Underwood	3					
8. Calculator, Frieden	1					
9. Typewriters Long carriage	2					
Standard	13	2				
Portable	7					
10. Autograph machines Gray	2					
11. Fluid process duplicator	1					
12. Electric mimeograph machine - A.B. Dick	1					
Water cooler, electric, 5 gallon	1					

Inventory of U.S.-owned Non-Expendables - Office Furniture and Equipment

Item	List A			List B		
	Worth Shipping			Not Worth Shipping		
	Good	Fair	Need Some Repair	Salable 50%	(of cost) 35%	20%
13. Desks						
Standard metal	10					
Executive mahogany	1					
Typists, wood			1			
Standard, wood						1
Minature desks						2
14. Metal tables	2					
15. Executive table	1					
16. Coffee table	1					
17. Rug - 8'5" x 5'4"	1					
18. Costumers	10					
19. Leather divan	1					
20. Chairs:						
Executive, wood	1					
mahogany, rotary,						
leather upholstered						
Club, wood, leather	2					
overstuffed						
Executive, wood	12					
mahogany, side leg						
with arms, leather						
upholstered						
Standard, metal, rotary	8					
with arms, plastic seat						
and back						
Standard, metal, side	16					
leg with arms, plastic						
seat and back						
Typist	10					

Inventory of U.S.-owned Non-Expendables - Office Furniture and Equipment

Item	List A			List B		
	Worth Shipping			Not Worth Shipping		
	Need			Salable (of cost)		
	Good	Fair	Some Repair	50%	35%	20%
21. Desk fans	11					
22. Upright floor fan	1					
23. Low circular floor fan	1					
24. Window fan	1					
25. Small fan						1
26. Ceiling fans	7					
27. Intercom system (10 stations) new	1					
28. Telephone switchboard and 20 instruments (GEC) new	1					

Inventory of U.S.-owned Non-Expendables - Educational Supplies
and Equipment
USOM/Saudi Arabia

Item	List A			List B		
	Worth Shipping			Not Worth Shipping		
	Need Some			(of cost)		
	Good	Fair	Repair	50%	35%	20%
1. Movie camera, 16 MM Bell & Howell - 70 DL-1"-F19 lens, with case	1					
2. Camera, Kodak Signet 1351, with light meter	1					
3. Argus C-3 camera, including flash attachment & carrying case, also tripod - Quick Set Jr.	1					
4. Projector - No. 300 W. Motor fan cooled - 5" lens, Model V-220L with carrying case No. 234 - battery connection cable 3' long-extension cord 20' long - 5 lamps - 6V-50-set aperture plates, battery strap carrier - 1 battery (Exide - broken), 6V-100 plastic case PLX-13-1 battery hot shot 6V-2 lamps - 300 W, 110 V - 1 transformer, stepdown, 220 V to 110V.	1					
5. Daylight screen - 52" x 70" - with tripod and case	1					
6. Filmosound projector, 16 MM magnetic type, 12" speaker, model 202B1 - Bell & Howell	1					
7. Phonograph, portable, model S-61 with 24 Eng: Arabic records	1					
8. Opaque projector and lantern slide - model LRM - Bausch-Loeb, Ser. No. Ke5019.	1					
9. Public address system with parts	1					

Inventory of U.S.-owned Non-Expendables - Educational Supplies & Equipment

Item		List A			List B		
		Worth Shipping			Not Worth Shipping		
		Good	Fair	Need Some	Salable	(or cost)	
				Repair	50%	35%	20%
10. Soundscriber machine, model 5-RH with attachments, Serial No. 519312	1						
11. Soundscriber trans- cribing machine, model 5-TF. Serial No. 62387	1						
12. Wilcov-Gay tape disc recorder - model 3010 with two reels for tape. 4 rolls tape & 4 pkgs. recording discs	1						
13. Mimeograph machine, electric, model 435- AC-110V--including mimeoscope model 4- 8 penstylographs - 6 lettering guides - 2 screen plates (A.B. Dick).	1						
14. Battery adaptor - 6V Carter converter	1						
15. Soundscriber recordings	75						
16. Architect's scale	2						
17. 16MM film, TB in Iran (FOA/W)	1						
18. 16MM film, Dysentary (Persian) (FOA/W)	1						
19. 16MM film, water spread- ing (FOA/W)	2						
20. Viewlax No.22-23404-X with accessories	1						
Hot shot battery	1						
Transformer-step down	1						
300 W lamps	2						
6 v 50 W lamps	5						
20' extension cord	1						
6v auto battery	1						
21. Splicers	2						
6 v auto battery	1						
Reels and cans 400 ft.	10						

Inventory of U.S.-owned Non-Expendables - Educational Supplies & Equipment

	List A			List B		
	Worth Shipping			Not Worth Shipping		
	Need Some			(of cost)		
	Good	Fair	Repair	50%	35%	20%
Reels and cans 1600 ft.	5					
Reels and cans 1200 ft.	2					
Reels and cans 800 ft.	2					
Reels of magnetic tape	10					
Battery charger	1					
22. Variable transformer	1					
S.No. IR 25524 M						
No. 1 Rxl						
Power speaker 25 w	1					
part No. 23615						
23. Motion picture 202C,	1					
No. A74401 with						
accessories						
24. Screen, projection,	1					
70" x 70"						
25. Generator, 1250 w,	1					
Engine No. 112692,						
Generator No.						
145101						

Inventory of U.S.-owned Non-Expendables - Motor Vehicles
USOM/Saudi Arabia

Item	List A			List B		
	Worth Shipping			Not Worth Shipping		
	Good	Fair	Need	Salable	(of cost)	
			Some Repair		50%	35% 20%
1. Chevrolet sedans	2					
2. Willys jeeps		6			1	
3. Chevrolet carryalls		4	1		2	
4. Jeep station wagons	6	1	1			
5. Dodge power wagons	4	6	2		2	
6. Chevrolet water trucks	2	1				

Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 29, 1954

Inventory of U.S.-owned Non-Expendables - Engineering Equipment
USOM/Saudi Arabia

Item	List A			List B		
	Worth Shipping			Not Worth Shipping		
	Good	Fair	Need Some Repair	Salable 50%	(of cost) 35%	20%
1. Transit	2					
2. Level	2					
3. Tripod	4					
4. Level Rod	2					
5. Micrometer Target	2					
6. Plumbobs	2					
7. Stadia Rod	2					
8. Band chains	4					
9. Champion Reels	4					
10. Hand level	1					
11. Set of drawing instruments	1					
12. Steel Arrows (boxes)	3					
13. Mending tool - set	1					
14. Altimeter - 10 ft. scale	1					
15. Altimeter - 1 ft. scale	2					
16. Altimeter - 1 ft. scale						1
17. Protractor	1					
18. Slide rule	1					
19. Engineer's scale	1					
20. Metric scale	1					
21. Triangles	1					
22. Tape - 50 ft.	1					
23. Drafting board 24" x 36"	1					
24. Drafting instruments Casiero	1					
25. Drafting instruments K and E	1					
26. 12V Guide tail light with cord	1					

Inventory of U.S.-owned Non-Expendables - Agricultural Equipment
and Supplies (boxed and on dock)
USOM/Saudi Arabia

Item	List A			List B		
	Worth Shipping			Not Worth Shipping		
	Good	Fair	Need	Salable 50%	(of cost)	
			Some Repair		35%	20%
1. Portable light plant, Fairbanks-Morse, 1250 W, AC; 60 cycle, 115 V, with spare ignition. (new)	1					
2. Garden tractor, David Bradley, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ HP, rubber tires, with full set farm imple- ments. (new) (details available)	1					
3. Gasoline-driven concrete mixer, Sears Roebuck, "tea-cup" model (new)	1					
4. Basic implements and supplies for Live- stock Specialist (new) (details available).	1					
5. Basic implements and supplies for Soils Specialist (new) (details available)	1					

Inventory of U.S.-owned Non-Expendables - Miscellaneous Supplies
and Equipment
USOM/Saudi Arabia

Item	List A			List B		
	Worth Shipping		Need some Repair	Not Worth Shipping		
	Good	Fair		Salable 50%	(of cost) 35%	20%
D-7 Tractor, caterpillar with bulldozer, cable control, etc.	2					
D-12 Graders, motor, cater- pillar with scraper (items exportable only with concurrence SAG)	2					
Clock, wall, Seth-Thomas	1					
Dictionary and stand	1					
Sprayers, hand, Hudson	50					
compression type- 3 gal.						
Sprayer, duster. 50 gallon tank. Wisconsin VP-4	1					
30 HP air-cooled engine						
900 x 13 sand 6-ply tires-new	40					
900 x 13 translube tires "	40					
150-insert						
Flaps for 900 x 13 "	50					
6-ply ANS Sand						
900 x 16 Power wagon tires "	2					
900 x 16 Power wagon tubes "	2					
Power wagon spare parts - cases	12					
Assorted spare parts Jeep station wagon - value approx. \$700.00	1					
Complete Diesel three phase generator 115 KVA Cable 92 KW, 1200 RPM including wall switchboard, make Deutz (German)				1		
Trailers, jeep	4					

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 31, 1954

Mr. Henry W. Wiens, Director
USA Operations Mission to Iraq
American Embassy
Baghdad, Iraq

Dear Henry:

I am enclosing herewith inventory sheets covering nonexpendable items now being held by this Mission and which are subject to transfer to other Missions. I understand that you have been requested by FOA/W to notify them of items needed from such inventories. Likewise, USAOM/Jordan has received a similar request.

Acting on instructions from FOA/W, we will await word from them as to what items we should ship to Baghdad and to Amman.

I am also attaching copy of our TOUSFO 26 dated July 24, which we sent to Washington while you were here.

As requested by you, I am attaching biographical data on Lawrence Smith, William George, Fred Barham and Herbert Schwan. I am not sending such data on George Gibbs, as arrangements are being made for his reassignment to Libya.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Enclosures - 3

1. Inventory - Nonexpendables
2. Copy of TOUSFO 26 dtd 7-24-54
3. Biographical Data (4)

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Inventory of U.S.-owned Non-Expendables - Miscellaneous Supplies
and Equipment
USOM/Saudi Arabia

Item	List A			List B		
	Worth Shipping		Need some Repair	Not Worth Shipping		
	Good	Fair		Salable 50%	(of cost) 35%	20%
D-7 Tractor, caterpillar with bulldozer, cable control, etc.	2					
D-12 Graders, motor, cater- pillar with scraper (items exportable only with concurrence SAG)	2					
Clock, wall, Seth-Thomas	1					
Dictionary and stand	1					
Sprayers, hand, Hudson compression type- 3 gal.	50					
Sprayer, duster. 50 gallon tank. Wisconsin VP-4 30 HP air-cooled engine	1					
900 x 13 sand 6-ply tires-new	40					
900 x 13 translube tires "	40					
150-insert						
Flaps for 900 x 13 "	50					
6-ply ANS Sand						
900 x 16 Power wagon tires "	2					
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Power wagon spare parts - cases	12					
Assorted spare parts Jeep station wagon - value approx. \$700.00	1					
Complete Diesel three phase generator 115 KVA Cable 92 KW, 1200 RPM including wall switchboard, make Deutz (German)				1		
Trailers, jeep	4					

Inventory of U.S.-owned Non-Expendables - Agricultural Equipment
and Supplies (boxed and on dock)
USOM/Saudi Arabia

Item	List A			List B		
	Worth Shipping			Not Worth Shipping		
	Good	Fair	Need Some Repair	Salable 50%	(of cost) 35%	20%
1. Portable light plant, Fairbanks-Morse, 1250 W, AC; 60 cycle, 115 V, with spare ignition. (new)	1					
2. Garden tractor, David Bradley, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ HP, rubber tires, with full set farm imple- ments. (new) (details available)	1					
3. Gasoline-driven concrete mixer, Sears Roebuck, "tea-cup" model (new)	1					
4. Basic implements and supplies for Live- stock Specialist (new) (details available).	1					
5. Basic implements and supplies for Soils Specialist (new) (details available)	1					

Inventory of U.S.-owned Non-Expendables - Engineering Equipment
USOM/Saudi Arabia

Item	List A			List B		
	Worth Shipping			Not Worth Shipping		
	Good	Fair	Need Some Repair	Salable 50%	(of cost) 35%	20%
1. Transit	2					
2. Level	2					
3. Tripod	4					
4. Level Rod	2					
5. Micrometer Target	2					
6. Plumbobs	2					
7. Stadia Rod	2					
8. Band chains	4					
9. Champion Reels	4					
10. Hand level	1					
11. Set of drawing instruments	1					
12. Steel Arrows (boxes)	3					
13. Mending tool - set	1					
14. Altimeter - 10 ft. scale	1					
15. Altimeter - 1 ft. scale	2					
16. Altimeter - 1 ft. scale						1
17. Protractor	1					
18. Slide rule	1					
19. Engineer's scale	1					
20. Metric scale	1					
21. Triangles	1					
22. Tape - 50 ft.	1					
23. Drafting board 24" x 36"	1					
24. Drafting instruments Casiero	1					
25. Drafting instruments K and E	1					
26. 12V Guide tail light with cord	1					

Inventory of U.S.-owned Non-Expendables - Motor Vehicles
USOM/Saudi Arabia

Item	List A			List B		
	<u>Worth Shipping</u>			<u>Not Worth Shipping</u>		
	Good	Fair	Need Some Repair	Salable 50%	(of cost) 35%	20%
1. Chevrolet sedans	2					
2. Willys jeeps		6			1	
3. Chevrolet carryalls		4	1		2	
4. Jeep station wagons	6	1	1			
5. Dodge power wagons	4	6	2		2	
6. Chevrolet water trucks	2	1				

Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 29, 1954

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

July 29, 1954

Education and Employment Background - Fred A. Barham

BS degree 1927 Oklahoma A&M. Specialties horticulture, agronomy, agriculture economics.

One year farm manager 130-acre irrigated farm, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Seven years farm superintendent, Penitentiary of New Mexico farm, Las Lunas, New Mexico. 900 acres of farm irrigated land and 1800 acres of pasture land. One year US Navy. Eight and one-half years county extension agent, Extension Service, Carlsbad, New Mexico. Eight and one half years county extension agent, Osage-Lincoln-Cherokee Counties, Oklahoma.

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

July 29, 1954

Education and Employment Background - William C. George

BA George Washington University; Economics

1947 to present: - Chief, Import Statistics Section
Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of Census,
Washington, D. C.

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

July 29, 1954

Education and Employment Background - Lawrence W. Smith

Pasadena Junior College, 1929-31, certificate; University of Southern California, 1933 B.S., merchandising; plus a number of additional courses at graduate level at USC, University of California, University of Redlands and American University, Public Administration.

Employment: Present \$50.00 per day consultant, Management, State of New Jersey; 50-53: Administrative Officer, GS-15, Department of Interior, Defense Solid Fuels Administration; 48-50: responsible management, GS-13, CIA; 46-47: Area Administrative Officer and Management Analyst, Department of Commerce, Ardmore, Pa. and San Francisco, Calif.; 43-46: Regional Administrative Officer, CAF-12, OWI; 43-7/43: Twelfth Region, CSC, manpower utilization; 36-42: administrative experience, NYA.

Jidda, Saudi Arabia

July 29, 1954

Education and Employment Background - Herbert E. Schwan

BS degree received in 1928 from the University of Montana.

Since April 1922, Mr. Schwan has been with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Since March, 1945, he has been Staff Specialist-Range Conservationist in the Division of Range Management.

In his work with the Department, Mr. Schwan develops standards for judging range conditions, trend and utilization. He plans, develops and conducts training courses for various personnel. He works in cooperation with scientific and technical personnel of U.S. and State Experiment Stations, colleges, universities and other groups. The major part of his work has been along the lines of plant and animal ecology.

Mr. Schwan is a member of several technical societies and is the author of many published technical articles.

July 29, 1954

Education and Employment Background - George E. Gibbs

BS 1935 Cornell University: Specialities - general agriculture,
agronomy, geology

January 1952 to present: - Soil Scientist, TCA, SAn Jose, Costa Rica.

June 1951 to Dec., 1951: - Soil Scientist, Dominion Republic

1946 to 1951: - Land Classification Specialist,
Bureau of Reclamation, Department of
Interior, Great Falls and Billings, Montana

1945 to 1946: - Self employed.

1939 to 1945: - Soil technician, Soil conservation Service,
USDA, Hackettstown, New Jersey.

1935 to 1939: - Assistant Soil Surveyor, SCS, USDA.

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JULY 301418Z, 1954

Press release.

Joint state-FOA Message; contains verbatim text.

FOA proposes issue following release concerning termination Program. Desire comments Ambassador-country Director re text and timing. Please supply missing figure para 3.

Washington, July -- The Government of Saudi Arabia had indicated that it is planning to finance further economic development projects with its own funds and that it is not requesting the United States to continue the 1951 Agreement under which the United States has provided technicians and some demonstration equipment for Joint Programs of technical cooperation.

All United States programs of technical cooperation are initiated and operated only at the specific request of the Governments concerned and only on a basis of mutual consent. The Foreign Operations Administration, therefore, is proceeding with arrangements for the orderly liquidation of its mission and programs in Saudi Arabia.

The United States agreement with Saudi Arabia was signed on January 17, 1951, at the request of the late King Ibn Saud. Operations got underway with a \$230,000 United States financed program in Fiscal 1952. In Fiscal 1953, United States contributions to the Joint Program were \$1,604,000 and the United States Program amount earmarked for Fiscal 1954 was \$1,362,000 of which only part has been expended. In the 3-year period the Government of Saudi Arabia contributed the equivalent of \$_____ to the Joint undertakings.

United States assistance has been mainly of the pilot project type, with the central objective of helping the Govt of Saudi Arabia work out new techniques for development in selected fields to be financed primarily from their oil revenues.

A well functioning Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency has been provided, and assistance has been given in establishing Administrative institutions within the Government.

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Exploratory work in the location of new water resources, needed for increased food production and more adequate community water supplies, has been undertaken. Four producing wells have been drilled in the Wadi Khulais for irrigation purposes.

A detailed survey for a proposed railway between Riyadh and Jidda has been completed, and other aids to transportation have been given.

About 30 trainees have been selected and sent to the United States on FOA Technical Training Grants. These Saudi Arabians, 18 of whom are still in the United States, are forming a teacher nucleus for an in-the-country training program.

The United States operations Mission in Saudi Arabia is headed by Harland J. Corson, Washington (D.C.) businessman and resident of Silver Springs, Maryland. 25 engineers, geologists, soil specialists, agriculturalists, educationists, public health technicians and other technical and administrative officers make up his staff. The majority of these staff members will be transferred to fill vacancies in United States Missions in the Near East and other areas.

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AmEmbassy Beirut

July 29, 1954

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For Farley

Corson

USOM 11. Will plan attend conference September instead
August.

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AmEmbassy, Baghdad

July 29, 1954

USOM 7

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For Wiens

USOM 3. Sending tomorrow Iraq plane additional copy cable pertaining transfer personnel also Bio data and inventories all non-expendable items.

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: BEIRUT

DATE: JULY 27 1244Z, 1954

NO: USOM 11

CODE: UNCLASSIFIED

RECEIVED: JULY 28 0751Z, 1954

SENT BAGHDAD USOM 12 RPTD JIDDA USOM 11 AMMAN USOM 9

For Country Director.

In response to request that Washington send representative to Country Director's meeting August 5 and 6, Washington believed date premature. Later meeting could consider FY 1955 programs in light final Congressional action and fund allocations to field, which Washington hopes will be expedited this year. Accordingly September 9 and 10 was suggested, with Seager attending and with Easton (Libya) and Hale (Israel) included. Please inform me if new dates acceptable. If you still wish to come August 5 and 6 in addition to September meeting, Gregory, Corson, Wiens and I could have preliminary talks. Advise.

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Dr Corson
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 27, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Sadek Hussein, Director
Liaison Office

FROM : Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

SUBJECT: Aerial Photography of the Asir

In accordance with Article II of the Aerial Survey Project between the Government of the United States and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and in compliance with the request of His Excellency, the Minister of Finance, in his letter to you dated July 26, 1954, I have the pleasure of supplying copies of the following aerial photographs taken by the Mission:

1. Set of Mosaics Asir-Tihama and Lith-Qunfida blocks.
delivered to Minfin 7/27
2. Set of aerial photographs Lith-Qunfida blocks.
delivered to Minfin 7/27
3. Set of aerial photographs Wadi Itwad project.
delivered to Minfin 7/27
4. Set of aerial photographs Khulais project.
delivered to Minfin 7/27

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 26, 1954

Mr. Henry Wiens
USA Operations Mission to Iraq
American Embassy
Baghdad, Iraq

Dear Henry:

I have just checked on the matter of air transportation for the members of our staff here who may be transferred shortly to USAOM/Iraq.

Due to the very heavy schedule of the Saudi Airlines after the Hadyj, which ends August 13, it will be impossible to charter a plane for moving the above personnel, their families and allowable air freight from here to Baghdad until toward the end of September.

The regular rate whole fare from Jidda to Baghdad is 390 Saudi Riyals but if passage can be arranged prior to August 6, such rate can be reduced to 300 SR. The air freight rate from Jidda to Baghdad is 2 SR per kilo. Therefore, 11½ passages at 390 SR each is 4,485 SR, and 200 lbs. per full fare or a total of 1045 kilos is 2090 SR for this cost item. To move the four families in question by air from Jidda to Baghdad would cost a total of 6,575 SR, equivalent to \$1,775.25.

I understand that the Air Attache of the U.S. Embassy-Baghdad has a DC-3 plane which may be used for carrying the above-mentioned four families and their air freight, as well as baggage, from here to Baghdad on a reimbursable basis, which I understand represents the operational cost of such a flight.

May I suggest that you contact the Air Attache there to ascertain whether arrangements can be made for the use of his plane on a reimbursable chartered basis, letting me know of his reply. If this is not possible, we will then have to make arrangements somehow to get these families, their baggage and air freight from here to Baghdad either by commercial airline, MATS or possibly a plane from the Dhahran Air Base. (It is hardly likely that these families can be ready to leave Jidda prior to the beginning of the Hadyj; i.e., August 8th.)

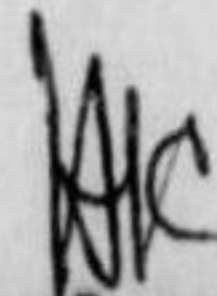
Billie Rountree tells me that he is contacting you regarding the possibility of his being transferred to USAOM/Iraq.

As soon as I receive a reply from Washington, even though it may be repeated to you, authorizing this Mission to issue travel orders to the

above families, I will get in touch with you regarding arrangements for their transfer.

I enjoyed your visit here very much, and look forward to seeing you in Beirut.

Sincerely,



Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Corson

FROM: Mr. Lindquist *DL*

SUBJ: USAOM Telegraphic Traffic Levels

Tabulated below, for your information, are the outgoing telegraphic traffic levels for USAOM/SA for February, March, and April.

To FOA/W

Lateral

February

39 messages, 3121 words

15 messages, 555 words

March

53 messages, 3221 words

30 messages, 1760 words

April

69 messages, 3741 words

13 messages, 532 words

Telegrams originated by the post to FOA/W would appear to be increasing rapidly in number. I suggest that a notice be circulated to drafting officers requesting their cooperation in the greater use of the air pouch.

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FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION
Washington 25, D.C.

FOA General Notice
May 7, 1954

SUBJECT: Need for Reduction of Cable Traffic

FOA CABLE TRAFFIC HAS INCREASED BY MORE THAN A THIRD.

During October-December, 1953, an average of 4170 messages totalling 399,000 words were sent and received each month. In March the volume had increased to 5945 messages and 540,000 words. Commercial cable charges paid by FOA/W increased from a monthly average of \$6,900 during October-December, 1953, to \$8,900 in March.

Urgent cables are being delayed because current traffic of FOA, USIA, and State exceeds the capacity of the State Department's telegraphic staff. This is also true overseas, particularly at small posts which have only minimum telegraphic facilities as well as small staffs. Unless the volume is reduced, it will be necessary for FOA to finance the employment of additional State Department personnel to process the increased traffic load.

While a maximum effort is desired, important FOA business should not be disrupted or delayed in order to effect the reduction -----communications which are essential and urgent should continue to be sent as cablegrams. The necessary reduction can be accomplished if we concentrate on eliminating the unintentional cable abuses. Drafting and clearance officers in FOA/W and the missions should review each communication and assure that good judgment is used in line with the following suggestions:

1. Substitute an airgram whenever time will permit-----some posts have excellent pouch service and we should take full advantage of this, particularly over weekends and holidays to and from most of the posts in Europe and Latin America.
2. Send "Unclassified" whenever possible and thus reduce cable processing time and airgram transit time.
3. Delete all unnecessary words-----if necessary, re-phrase using the fewest words possible.
4. In the case of circular cables, mark "By Pouch" those addresses which have good pouch service or which do not require urgent delivery.
5. Lengthy communications on urgent problems should be summarized by cable and the full details sent by airgram.
6. "Priority" cables should be strictly limited and used only when a special degree of urgency is involved.

7. Since the normal practice is to answer a cable with another cable, cables requesting lengthy reports or detailed statistical data should, whenever possible, indicate that an airgram reply will be satisfactory.

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TELEGRAM SENT

TO: **AmEmbassy, Beirut**

DATE: **July 25, 1954**

NO.: **USOM 5**

CODE: **UNCLASSIFIED**

CHARGED TO:

For Farley.

**USOM 9. Corson only will participate conference NEA Mission Directors
Beirut August 5-6. Will advise ETA later. Reserve single room bath.
Suggest Gordon and Easton be invited participate.**

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM:

BEIRUT

DATE:

JULY 201105Z, 1954

NO:

USOM 9

CODE:

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RECEIVED:

JULY 201236Z, 1954

Re my letter of June 29 regarding informal conference of Mission Directors. Stevens-Wiens and Gregory will come. Your uncertainty is understandable but believe your presence desirable whatever happens USOM/SA. Damascus Embassy will send representative. Washington being requested also send representative. Tentative dates August 5 and 6 in mountain hotel. Bring family. Confirm dates earliest and advise accommodations desired.

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 24, 1954

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I give you below for your information pertinent information regarding "project" equipment and supplies purchased and in Saudi Arabia. Detailed lists are attached hereto.

Community Development Project - The landed value at Jidda of equipment purchased for use under this project agreement is about \$83,000. None of this equipment or supplies has been turned over to SAG. The total amount earmarked to cover the cost of road equipment under this project agreement is \$150,000.

Maternal and Child Health Center - The landed value at Jidda of hospital supplies and equipment purchased under this project agreement is about \$5800. (Value of additional supplies presently enroute to Jidda to be turned over to the Maternal and Child Health Center on arrival is about \$550.) The total amount of the U.S. contribution under this project agreement is \$7500 maximum.

Quarantine Station - The landed value at Jidda of equipment purchased for use under this project agreement is about \$67,250. All of such equipment with the exception of a water softener (valued at \$1650) has arrived at Jidda and is being installed in the Quarantine Station. The total amount earmarked to cover the C&F Jidda value of equipment under this project agreement is \$100,000 maximum.

Sincerely yours,

Attachment - 3 lists
As above

/s/ H. J. Corson

The Honorable George Wadsworth,
United States Ambassador,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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JULY 22 0956Z, 1954

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FROM: BAGHDAD

DATE: JULY 210447Z, 1954

NO: USOM 2

CODE: UNCLASSIFIED

RECEIVED: JULY 210812Z, 1954

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Flight IA/P9, and return Baghdad same flight number 0730
Saturday July 24.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION
MUTUAL SECURITY MISSION TO CHINA

UNION BUILDING
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TAIPEI, TAIWAN



JUL 21, 1954

Mr. Harland J. Corson
Director
U.S.A. Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia
c/o American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Corson:

Reference is made to your letter dated June 21, 1954. We appreciate very much your supplying us with summary tables showing Saudi Arabian Government figures on imports and exports during the Islamic year 1370.

Awaiting your further advice, we thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Robert B. Elwood
Acting Assistant Director
for Economic Development

Mr. Smith
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BEIRUT

JULY 201105Z, 1954

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JULY 201236Z, 1954

Re my letter of June 29 regarding informal conference of Mission Directors. Stevens-Wiens and Gregory will come. Your uncertainty is understandable but believe your presence desirable whatever happens USOM/SA. Damascus Embassy will send representative. Washington being requested also send representative. Tentative dates August 5 and 6 in mountain hotel. Bring family. Confirm dates earliest and advise accommodations desired.

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 19, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director
FROM: Mr. Thelbert F. Taylor, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: Notification of Termination of Local Employees

It is our understanding that Dr. Brown is leaving Saudi Arabia within ten days to two weeks. To date, we have received no notification as to the action to be taken with his local employees. If he plans to dismiss them, proper action has to be taken in order to comply with FOA regulations and local Saudi Arabian laws.

It would be appreciated if we would be informed as to what action has been taken in this matter.

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 17, 1954

Admiral H. R. Stevens, Director
USA Operations Mission to Egypt
American Embassy
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Admiral:

I have just received your letter dated June 24 and appreciate your calling my attention to the availability of qualified Palestinian refugees who are stranded in Egypt and who are not qualified for registration with the United Nations as refugees due to their residence in Egypt.

I sincerely regret that this Mission cannot absorb any of such individuals due to the fact that the Saudi Arabian Government has terminated the USG/SAG Technical Assistance Agreement. (The Special Economic Aid Agreement was never signed.) This action on the part of SAG was due to certain political issues most remote from the activities of Point IV. Of course it is to be regretted that Point IV has become a political football. I am now awaiting instructions from FOA/W to wind up the affairs of this Mission, reassignment of its personnel, disposition of its equipment, furniture, supplies, etc.

I am planning on passing through Cairo to my post of reassignment as soon as I know where this will be, and will look forward to the opportunity of seeing you at that time. I will let you know later when I plan to be in Cairo.

With kind personal regards to Mrs. Stevens and yourself, I am,

Sincerely yours,

HJC
Harland J. Corson
Director

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OPERATIONS MISSION TO EGYPT

CAIRO, EGYPT

AMERICAN EMBASSY

JUN 24 1954

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Dear Jerry:

Mr. Jamal H. Hammad, the Chairman of the Palestine Office for Relief of Arab Refugees (Cairo), recently visited me and asked that I bring the following information to your attention. He stated that there are Palestian refugees in Egypt without means of support, who are qualified, he believes, for positions on your staff for which you have, in the past, recruited throughout the Near East.

Mr. Hammad pointed out that, despite the fact that these people are in every real sense Palestian refugees, they cannot qualify for registration with the United Nations as refugees due to their residence in Egypt. You would not therefore reach them through your normal U.N. recruitment sources.

It appears that this group includes well qualified teachers, electrical engineers, steam-fitters, procurement personnel, clerks, translators, etc. I have suggested that Mr. Hammad send your Mission at recurrent intervals lists containing the names of these people and a brief statement as to their qualifications.

Very truly yours,

Harold R. Stevens
Harold R. Stevens
Director

Mr. Harland J. Corson,
Director, USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia,
c/o American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

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DATE: July 17, 1954

TO: SECSTATE

Joint Embassy/USACM Message.

USFOTO 416, paragraph two.

Re KMBTEL 22, July 12. Corson and I suggest Dept. consider advisability authorizing Corson address to competent Saudi Ministers, with whom USAOM signed presently in force project and program agreements, formal communications substantially as follows:

In accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1 and 3 of Article V of the General Agreement for Technical Assistance between the United States of America and Saudi Arabia signed at Jidda on January 17, 1951, and of Article ____ of the _____ Agreement executed on _____ between the Governments of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and of the United States of America, the United States of America Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia (Point IV) hereby notifies the Ministry that it is not its intention to conclude any arrangement to the end that the said (project or program) agreement remain in force beyond termination of the said general agreement.

Project agreements in effect are Community Development, Maternal and Child Health Center, Vaccine Laboratory. Program agreements in effect are Agriculture, Education, Health, Transportation and Communications, Natural Resources, Finance and Customs.

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H. Corson (2)
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 18, 1954

Mr. Hugh D. Farley, Director
USA Operations Mission to Lebanon
American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Hugh:

I am attaching hereto a letter which has been handed to me by my friend, Dr. Karnig M. Sarrafian of this city, relative to his interest in having his son, Albert, take a post graduate course at MIT.

I have informed Dr. Sarrafian that I would send you his letter to me with the request that you assist his son in any way you can toward the fulfillment of his objective.

Anything that you can do for the Doctor's son will be appreciated very much.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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Dr. Karnig M. Sarrafiam
Dr. Ehalid Idriss Hospital
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

July 11, 1954

Mr. Harland J. Corson
Director, USAOM to Saudi Arabia
Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Corson:

I have a problem for which I would greatly appreciate your advice, as you perhaps are dealing every day with such questions.

When I was in Beirut I visited with my eldest son, Albert, who is going to graduate next year in June(1955) from the American University of Beirut Engineering School in Electrical Engineering. He told me that he wants to further his studies for specializing at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at the United States.

Not knowing how to approach the problem, I would like your advice, as a friend, as to how to proceed in obtaining a training grant for him. Also I would like information on what way he can be accepted by the M.I.T. University.

Albert is a very good scholar, and of high moral and character qualifications. He is a bright student in his school, and will justify any help extended for his post graduate studies.

Hoping you will not deny to lead us to the proper approach.

Thanking you in advance,

Sincerely,

Dr. Karnig M. Sarrafiam

PS: My son's address is: Albert K. Sarrafiam
c/o Medical Library
American University of Beirut
Beirut, Lebanon

H. Corson

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 17, 1954

Mr. Robert E. Matteson
Director, Office of Research, Statistics,
and Reports
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Matteson:

Thank you for the new regional data book, Near East, South Asia and Africa, which we have just received. In our opinion it is an improvement over the old data book. The material on Saudi Arabia is adequate and the selective economic data is more effective than in the old book.

Sincerely,

HJC

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

June 4, 1954

TO: Director
U. S. Operations Mission to Arabia

FROM: Robert E. Matteson, ^{Rem}Director
Office of Research, Statistics, and Reports

SUBJECT: Regional Data Book — Near East, South Asia and Africa

1. The Office of Research, Statistics, and Reports transmits herewith the NEA Regional Data Book — the fourth of a series of Regional Data Books covering the geographic regions in which FOA is operating. This series is being prepared by the Statistics and Reports Division.

2. The attached Regional Data Book includes economic and key program data set down in convenient form for use by top management. A brief narrative for each country covers government structure, population characteristics, the national economy, economic needs, and foreign assistance.

3. The Book — classified "Confidential" — consists largely of unclassified material. It is prepared in loose-leaf form to facilitate the use of material which is not classified and also to permit expansion and revision.

Attachment

*Mr. Hagelton:
Write Matteson commending
him on the Regional
Data book*

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Mr. Corson
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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 17, 1954

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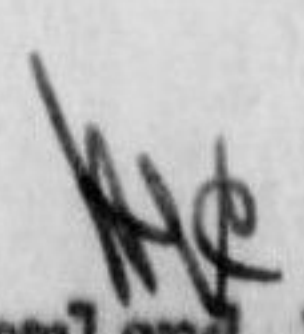
Mr. W. S. Middaugh
Near East Area Advisor
Agricultural Programs Division
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Middaugh:

I am attaching two reports prepared by our Soils Scientist, George P. Gibbs, one covering Wadi Khulais Land Classification and the other covering Reconnaissance Land Classification of a Portion of Southern Tihama. Both areas were to have come under our Community Development project.

I think both of these reports are very good ones and show Mr. Gibbs' comprehension of his specialty. You may want to have these retained in your files for future reference.

Sincerely yours,


Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 17, 1954

Mr. Hugh D. Farley, Director
USA Operations Mission to Lebanon
American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Hugh:

Thanks ever so much for your kind letter of June 29.

Well, the ax has fallen and our heads have been chopped off. About a week ago we received notification from the Saudi Arabian Government of their intention to terminate the over-all technical assistance agreement. (The special economic aid agreement was never signed.) I am now awaiting instructions from FOA/W to liquidate this Mission.

Sincerely,

HJC
Harland J. Corson
Director

Will write more later.
HJC

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OPERATIONS MISSION TO LEBANON

Point 4

American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon
June 29, 1954

Dear Jerry:

I didn't intend for it to take me over a month to answer your good letter of May 11; but I guess all of us -- yourself, Clark Gregory and myself -- have been in somewhat of a clutch the past month or so, trying to get things cleared up by the end of the fiscal year.

I was glad to hear that you did so well getting back to battery after your appendix affair.

Frank Elmore was through last weekend on his way back home from his call upon you, and gave me a brief fill-in on your latest difficulties.

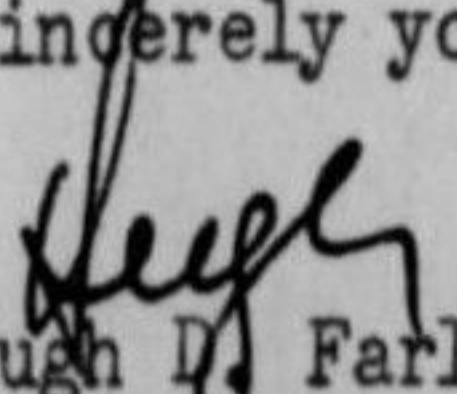
It didn't sound as though there was anything at all that we could do to help. However, if there is anything at all that I or anybody else can do to give you a hand, please don't hesitate to suggest it.

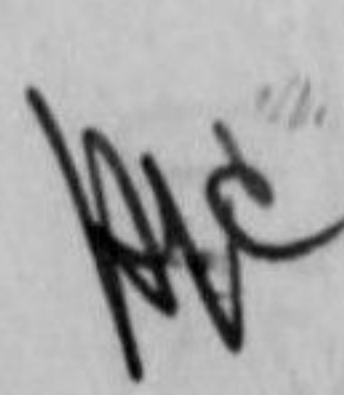
Coming back to the idea of a get-together of the directors in the area -- it may be a little warm now for us all to descend upon you, on the thermometer which measures both physical and political temperature. Perhaps you would be coming this way for a breather yourself for a week or so in the next month, and we could arrange to have the others come along at the same time.

Why don't you write me what dates might be agreeable, if this would be possible.

I am writing today also to Stevens in Egypt, Clark Gregory in Jordan, and Henry Wiens in Baghdad, with the same sort of suggestion, and will keep you posted.

Sincerely yours,


Hugh D. Farley
Director



Mr. Harland J. Corson
Director
U. S. Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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Control: TCUSFO # 15

DATE: July 14, 1954

TO: FGA/W

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Re Corson (1)
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 8, 1954

Mr. Joseph Bruyere
56 Rue Franklin Roosevelt
Wanfercee-Baulet (Hainaut)
Belgium

Dear Mr. Bruyere:

With reference to your letter of June 22, 1954, relative to employment in Saudi Arabia, I have to advise you that we have no vacancy for a technician in agronomy at this time.

Please be assured that we shall be glad to keep you in mind should anything arise in the future where your services could be utilized.

Sincerely yours,

HJC
Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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Wanfercée-Baulet le 22 juin 1954,

Monsieur A. J. Corson,

Me référant à la lettre de Monsieur le Consul de Belgique à Djeddah, puis, je me permets de solliciter de votre part quelques renseignements concernant l'Arabie Saoudite.

Est-il possible pour un sujet belge de trouver un emploi de technicien - agronome (cultures, élevages, industries d'intérêt agricoles) dans ce pays. Dans l'affirmative serait-il possible de recevoir les conditions requises pour un engagement ainsi que les formalités quant au visa et passeport.

Pourrais-je recevoir aussi, si cela n'est pas abusé de votre bonté, toute documentation relative à ces régions.

Dans l'espoir que mon offre puisse vous intéresser, veuillez croire, Monsieur Corson, à mes salutations les plus empressées,

Joseph Bruyère

Joseph BRUYÈRE technicien - agronome

56, rue Franklin Roosevelt

WANFERCÉE-BAULET (Hainaut) Belgique

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 10, 1954

Mr. Thomas E. Drumm, Jr.
Area Advisor, Far East
Office of Industrial Resources
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Drumm:

We have received your letter of June 25 regarding industrial development in Saudi Arabia and our tentative program in that direction. We have already received one set of the 10 small industry engineering plans referred to in your letter as well as the following Technical Aid services mentioned by you: the Technical Question and Answer Service, the Technical Digest Service, the Special Industrial Reports Service, the Technical Literature Service, the Technical and Training Films Service, and the Technical Exhibits Service.

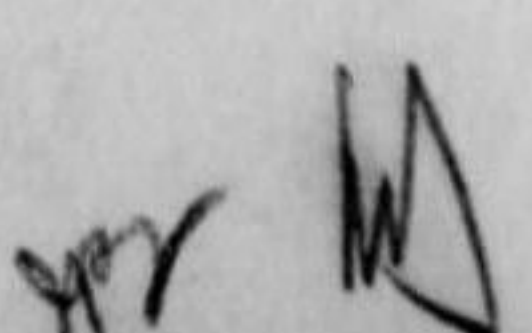
On June 28, we presented to the Minister of Finance of the Saudi Arabian Government a brochure setting forth the general nature of the industrial programs plan and requested that it be distributed to possibly interested businessmen through government agencies and Chambers of Commerce. We also asked that resulting expressions of interest be reported to us.

As you may know, at the present time the status of this Mission and our ability to make definite commitments as to future programs are uncertain. However, should the turn of events in the near future enable us to make definite commitments, it is quite possible that this Mission would concur in your proposal to approve the use of \$8,000 to bear the cost of two industry plans as our share in the total program cost. Our decision regarding the program would, of course, be greatly influenced by the reaction to the brochure presented to the Minister of Finance.

Thank you very much for your extensive reply to our earlier letter. We trust that matters will so resolve themselves that this Mission can participate to the most profitable extent in your program.

Sincerely yours,


Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia


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FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION
Washington 25, D.C.

Carson - HVC



June 25, 1954

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Mr Smith

AIR POUCH

Mr. Harland J. Carson
Director, U.S.A. Operations
Mission to Saudi Arabia
c/o American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Carson:

This is in response to your recent letter describing the progress of Mr. Farrell's work as Mission Investment Specialist and requesting that a set of small factory plans be sent to the Mission for use in sounding out local industrial groups and the Saudi Arabia Government as to their possible interests.

We are very happy to learn of the success which the Mission is having in the general development of investment opportunities and will be glad to assist in any way possible in the Mission's efforts to encourage diversified industry as an essential facet of a well-balanced development program in Saudi Arabia. I regret that the press of other business prevented my making a more prompt reply to your letter, however, three sets of ten each of the small plant brochures requested were dispatched June 3rd, one set by air and two by surface mail.

These ten small industry engineering plans forwarded are a part of the Technical Aids services which FOA/W is prepared to furnish the field. FOA regional funds and Mission funds are being pooled to finance further studies of this type. We expect to add an additional group of approximately 17 plant requirement plans covering principally small industries of particular interest to those countries less well developed industrially. These plans will provide details of equipment, building, layout, process, personnel, inventory and capital requirements, as well as cost data. It is suggested that the USOM/Saudi Arabia consider bearing the cost of two such industry plans as its share in the total cost of the program. If the Mission concurs with this proposal, approval of the use of \$8,000 for this purpose, together with the appropriate obligation number, should be forwarded to FOA/W. All reports will be sent to the Mission as soon as completed.

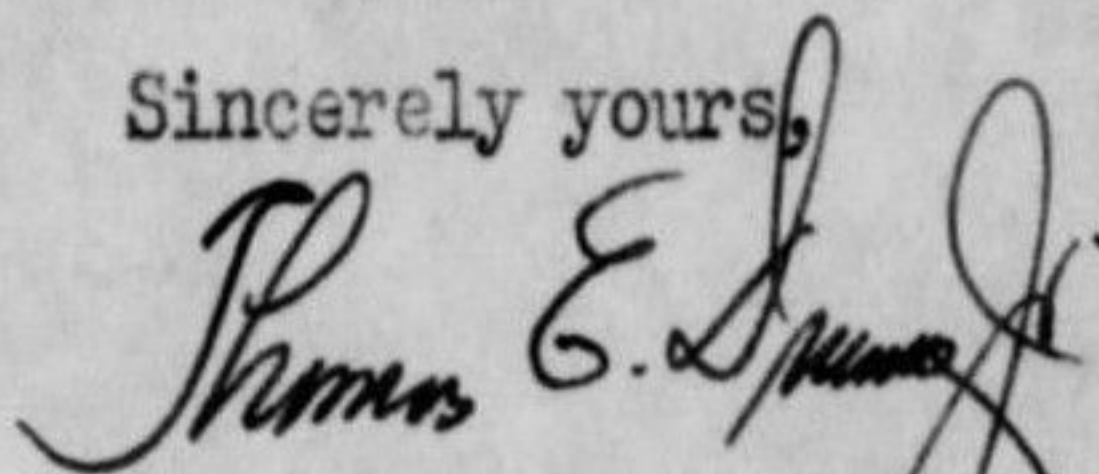
Some of the other Technical Aid services which may be of interest to you are the following: the Technical Question and Answer

Service, the Technical Digest Service, the Special Industrial Reports Service, the Technical Literature Service, the Technical and Training Films Service, and the Technical Exhibits Service.

We will soon be sending you sample materials illustrative of these and other types of technical services which have been provided to the various Missions and information on how they have been utilized. The purpose of this illustrative material is to facilitate Mission planning by making available the already extensive experience which some Missions have had with technical services. It is not our intent, of course, to recommend specific services but rather to provide background experience which may assist you and your staff in formulating industrial programs responsive to local conditions.

If you have further questions after receiving the above-mentioned materials, we shall be glad to assist in answering them. Hermon H. Granger, Jr., who spent many years of his life in industry in the Middle East, is now acting as Near East Area Advisor in FOA industrial programs. James M. Silberman, the Industrial Programs Advisor, is coordinating all Mission requests for small industry plans as well as other program measures dealing with industrial development and can furnish further information on subsequent reports or related follow-up engineering backstopping services.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas E. Drumm, Jr.
Area Advisor, Far East
Office of Industrial Resources

DeCoursey (1)
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
July 11, 1954

Mr. Henry W. Wiens, Director
USA Operations Mission to Iraq
c/o American Embassy
Baghdad, Iraq

Dear Henry:

I very much hope that Larry Smith will arrive there while there is still time to accomplish the purpose you had in mind in inviting him to visit you. Recent events have required changes in almost all of our projects and in Larry's case he has been trying to get away for the last week.

I would very much appreciate it if you will arrange so that he may accomplish his business in the shortest possible time. The decision with respect to our Mission should reach us momentarily and I will need him in connection with a number of problems which may arise.

I am afraid that I can report nothing definite as to which way the wind will blow. At least it is my feeling that there is as great a possibility that we will stay as that we will go.

Kindest personal regards to you.

Sincerely,

HJC
Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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TO: FOM/W

DATE: July 8, 1954

Have not yet received notification enactment confirming resolution
providing for interim financing subsequent June 30, 1954. Advise
initial allotments administrative and program.

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Control: TOUSFO 12

TO: FOA/W

DATE: July 8, 1954

In view lack of program activities and uncertainty as to when situation USAOM/SA will be clarified, instructions covering immediate course to follow are requested.

Only project agreements in effect are: 1) Quarantine Station (can be completed in six weeks); 2) Maternal & Child Health Center (can be completed any time); 3) Vaccine Laboratory (construction not yet contracted nor equipment list agreed upon); 4) Community Development (some water drilling Khulais and Itwad and preliminary malarial control at Khulais only work accomplished to date in absence work plans awaiting SAG approval since February).

Have cabled recommendations FOA/W withdrawal USGS personnel (TOUSFO 9).

Have cabled MEA Missions regarding possible placement unoccupied technicians on reimbursable detail basis for maximum ninety days.

Proposed personnel departure schedule forwarded FOA/W June 26.

Equipment being readied for disposition.

Accounts up to date.

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Control: USOM 1

DATE: July 6, 1954

TO: AmEmbassy, Beirut

Sent Beirut USOM 1 rptd info Cairo USOM 1, Tripoli USOM 1,
Amman USOM 1, Baghdad USOM 1, Karachi USOM 1, Tehran USOM 1,
Addis Ababa USOM 1, from Jidda.

Pending clarification USACM/SA situation, can make available on
reimbursable detail basis, maximum ninety days, following technicians:

Parker - Animal Husbandryman

Barham and Rountree - Extension Specialists

Butler - Parasitologist

Anderson - Vocational Education Specialist

Schwan - Desert Range Conservationist

Gibbs - Soils Specialist

Advise whether any above technicians needed now assist your program.

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WAC ● UP - 7/17 (M. Wright)

Washington--Saudi Arabia has told the United States it does not want any new technical aid funds because those offered are too small, informed sources reported Friday night.

The sources said the foreign operations administration is not considering any larger program than the \$1,700,000 (M) allocated to Saudi Arabia in the fiscal year which began July 1.

Saudi Arabia was said to feel this amount is too small.

Officials familiar with the situation said the oil-rich kingdom has been prone to compare its grants with several which preceded, in relation to the \$52,000,000,000 (B) aid program granted Israel.

Saudi Arabians are said to feel their program should be larger in view of oil concessions to American firms and Air Base rights for the U.S. Air Force at Dāhṛan. (Dhahran).

Officials noted the United States also had been unable to reach agreement with Saudi Arabia on Military Aid. Saudi Arabia was said to believe the United States should have taken a more active role in recent Saudi Arabian border dispute with Britain.

American officials pointed to Saudi Arabia's wealth from oil revenues and the necessity of going slowly on technical aid programs as reason for not increasing grants. They said larger programs are proposed for countries as their ability to handle them increases.

In fiscal 1952 the United States started a technical aid program in Saudi Arabia designed to improve its water works and other facilities and to help Saudi Arabia modernize its tariff, monetary and other laws.

The United States spent about \$230,000 in Saudi Arabia the next year, and increased the amount of technical aid in fiscal 1954 to

\$1,600,000 (M). Trouble over the amount of funds then started and another fund of \$3,300,000 (M) for water development and road construction was not signed by the Saudi Arabians. VR652P

De Corson
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
June 27, 1954

Mr. Henry Wiens
Director, USA Operations Mission to Iraq
American Embassy
Baghdad, Iraq

Dear Henry:

Although the problems mentioned to you in my letter of June 10, 1954 with respect to this Mission have not as yet been resolved, we are far from being pessimistic. With respect to Public Administration activity, the cooperation and interest are excellent and accordingly it has been my feeling that the Division should carry out its activities as though there were no question as to their long term nature.

Since I share with you the possible values of a conference between our Public Administration people, providing no intermediate barrier occurs to necessitate a change, Larry Smith is planning to leave for Baghdad on July 5. That I hope these plans will not require cancellation is something of an understatement. Certainly, if our health is good after June 30, the subject business should be taken care of early in July rather than later on. Regret to give you a plan and a "hedge" but feel it expedient to let you know that we will try to carry out your request. Will advise as soon as possible ETA Baghdad, if Larry's plans can materialize.

Sincerely,

HJC
Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Control: **TOUSFO #521**

DATE: **June 27, 1954**

TO: **FOA/W**

If USAOM/SA asked to withdraw, cable us following information covering shipments supplies, equipment actually effected since April 1: requisition number, date shipment, name carrying vessel or airline. Above information will be required soonest after notification received to withdraw Mission.

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
June 26, 1954

Allied High Commission for Germany
Bad Godesberg, Germany

Attention: Mr. Cyril C. Means, Jr.
U.S. Legal Adviser.

Gentlemen:

As a result of your letter of June 12, we have cabled Foreign Operations Administration, Washington, D.C., as follows:

"Contact John Harrison, Director, Office Budget and Reports, State Department. He and Mission were requested by Allied High Commission for Germany to authorize detachment John Bode, Controller, for temporary duty in Istanbul soonest. Harrison acquainted all details. Busy schedule of controller and present critical fiscal period make compliance request difficult. However, as US Governmental interest of first order is involved, Mission agrees release Bode on fully reimbursable basis for period not exceeding twelve days absence from Jidda allowing for unreliable flight connections return Jidda during Hady Season. Barring unforeseeable obstacles Bode could leave Jidda about July 15. Cable appropriation, allotment and obligation number."

Upon receipt of the requested disbursement authorization, we shall wire you the date of Mr. Bode's scheduled arrival in Istanbul.

We assume that you will then telegraph the American Consulate in Istanbul and Professor Kuyucak, so that Mr. Bode is met at the airport and that reservations are made for him for room with bath, preferably at the Park Hotel.

Sincerely yours,


Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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TOUSFO #517

TO: FOA/W

June 24, 1954

Contact John Harrison, Director, Office Budget and Reports, State Department. He and Mission were requested by Allied High Commission for Germany to authorize detachment John Bode, controller, for temporary duty in Istanbul soonest. Harrison acquainted all details. Busy schedule of controller and present critical fiscal period make compliance request difficult. However, as US Governmental interest of first order is involved, Mission agrees release Bode on fully reimbursable basis for period not exceeding twelve days absence from Jidda allowing for unreliable flight connections return Jidda during Hady Season. Barring unforeseeable obstacles Bode could leave Jidda about July 15. Cable appropriation, allotment and obligation number.

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
June 26, 1954

Mr. John T. Brennan
Chief Advisor
Civil Aeronautics Authority
Beirut International Field Office
American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Mr. Brennan:

I have received your cables dated June 17 and June 22 relative to the transfer of \$75,000 from USAOM/SA to USAF, Dhahran, to cover the cost of installing VOR equipment at Dhahran and Jidda.

I am attaching a copy of my cable to Washington TOUSFO #514, also a copy of my letter to Col. Personeus of today - both on this subject.

These communications bring you up to date on the status of this matter.

Sincerely,

HJC
Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Enclosures -
as above.

HJCoP:sn:mI have just received Washington's priority cable USFOTO 412, dated June 25 as per attached copy, from which you will note that an agreement between two USG agencies does not obligate funds for subsequent fiscal periods. Now we will have to wait until the end of this month to ascertain whether the Minister of Defense will execute the pending VOR project agreement.

American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
June 26, 1954

Lt. Col. Lester Personeus
Deputy Commander, Second Air Division (USAFE)
APO 616, c/o Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Dear Colonel Personeus:

I refer to your letter dated June 22 from which I note that you are in accord with the draft of agreement I sent you together with my letter dated June 19 covering the transfer of funds for the installation of VOR equipment at Dhahran and Jidda.

Immediately upon receipt of your letter under reply, I cabled our Washington office the text of such proposed agreement asking their authorization to execute it with General Grover on behalf of this Mission and the Second Air Division, US Air Force, Dhahran, respectively.

I have just received Washington's priority cable USFOTO 412, dated June 25 as per attached copy, from which you will note than agreement between two USC agencies does not obligate funds for subsequent fiscal periods. Now we will have to wait until the end of this month to ascertain whether the Minister of Defense will execute the pending VOR project agreement.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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JUNE 25, 1300, 1954

In event reassignment Saudi personnel becomes necessary,
FOA/W assures Mission staff every effort will be made place
all employees. Tentative plans already being developed.

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Control: TOSUPO #517

TO: FOA/M

DATE: June 24, 1954

Contact John Harrison, Director, Office Budget and Reports, State Department. He and Mission were requested by Allied High Commission for Germany to authorize detachment John Rode, controller, for temporary duty in Istanbul nearest. Harrison acquainted all details. Busy schedule of controller and present critical fiscal period make compliance request difficult. However, as US Governmental interest of first order is involved, Mission agrees release Rode on fully reimbursable basis for period not exceeding twelve days absence from Jidda allowing for unreliable flight connections return Jidda during Hajj Season. Barring unforeseeable obstacles Rode could leave Jidda about July 15. Cable a proposition, allotment and obligation number.

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DATE: June 21, 1954

Amman, Beirut

For Farley from Corson.

Sent Beirut 102 rptd info Cairo/⁶⁷from Jidda.

Blacre HIA Friday June 25 Air Liban. Please reserve Bristol
and MEA Cairo Sunday.

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u/c Corson (1)
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
June 21, 1954

Mr. Hugh D. Farley, Director
USA Operations Mission to Lebanon
American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Hugh:

Thank you for your letter of June 7, with enclosures, concerning the proposed Pan-Arabian International Highway and other international highway routes.

At the present time we do not have any information as to what action the Saudi Government is taking with respect to the proposed Pan-Arabian International Highway, but they have in mind doing considerable highway construction within Saudi Arabia.

We shall be pleased to hear from you further in connection with this matter.

Sincerely yours,

HJC
Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OPERATIONS MISSION TO LEBANON

Point 4

AMERICAN EMBASSY

Beirut, Lebanon, June 7, 1954

Subject: Planning Integration of Inter-
national Routes.

Dear Mr. Corson:

This Mission hopes to undertake a substantial Economic Assistance project with Lebanon in public road construction with emphasis on the international routes which connect with surrounding Arab States. We believe this project should have a direct bearing on the development of regional international routes, and it is to this end that I am enclosing for your information a copy of Lebanon's preliminary submission to us of their five-year road plan and a road study published by Mr. W. F. Moore.

We will keep you informed as this road project develops. At the same time we would like to compare notes on any developments on this subject in other Arab countries; hence I am sending similar letters with the two enclosures to the Honorable James F. Moose, Jr., American Ambassador to Syria, and to the Country Directors of Foreign Operations Mission in Iraq and Jordan.

Yours truly,

Hugh D. Farley
Hugh D. Farley
Country Director

Enclosures

Mr. Harland J. Corson,
Country Director,
Foreign Operations Mission,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

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Jidda, Saudi Arabia
June 21, 1954

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

You asked me last night for a copy of our over-all Technical Assistance Agreement. The Chancellery has a copy of all SAG/USAOM agreements which are in effect at the present time. I am sending a note to Cliff Nelson this morning asking him to have the file containing such copies delivered to you.

Sincerely yours,

The Honorable George Wadsworth,
United States Ambassador,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
June 21, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Clifford R. Nelson
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM : Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

SUBJECT: Technical Assistance Agreement - SAG/USAOM

The Ambassador asked me last night for a copy of our overall Technical Assistance Agreement. I have just sent him a note stating that a copy of each SAG/USAOM agreement now in effect is in a file at the Chancellery, and that I am asking you to have that file sent over to him. I shall appreciate your doing this.

Attached are copies of agreements covering the Maternal & Child Health Center and the Vaccine Laboratory. If copies of these agreements are not already in the file being sent to the Ambassador, will you kindly include these in the folder? If you already have copies of these two agreements, it will be appreciated if you will return them for our files.

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June 21, 1954

Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director,
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

Dear Mr. Corson:

We have received your letter of June 15 regarding our report on
the Arab League Market.

Thank you very much for your comments and the corrections which
we have noted carefully.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR D. LITTLE, INC.

Robert B. Bangs

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Control: TOSFO #509

DATE: June 21, 1954

TO: FOA/W

Since your USFOTO 325, have received no communications from FOA/W giving us policy guidance, comments or instructions regarding situation USAOM here. Still no decision regarding agreements.

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
June 20, 1954

Mr. Garry Owen
ARAMCO
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Garry:

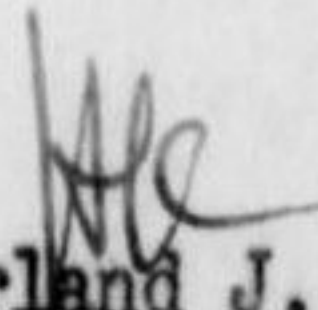
There are returned to you the originals and two additional typed copies of the following papers:

"Translation of Residence Regulations of the
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia"

"A Guide to Shari'a Court Practice and Procedure
in Al Hasa Province"

Your kindness in making this data available to us is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to
Saudi Arabia

Enclosures (2) -
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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
June 19, 1954

Brigadier General O. L. Grover
Commander, Second Air Division, USAF
APO 616, c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.

Dear General Grover:

I am attaching a draft of an agreement between the USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia and Second Air Division, United States Air Force, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, covering the installation of VOR equipment in Saudi Arabia, in line with our previous exchange of communications with you.

I shall appreciate your letting me know just as soon as possible your comments on such draft so I can cable the text of this proposed agreement to the Foreign Operations Administration, Washington, for approval in time for us to conclude the matter prior to the end of this month.

You have a copy of the agreement referred to in the attached draft; i.e., the one which we presented several months ago to the Ministry of Defense for execution.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Enclosure -
Draft of Agreement,
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cc: Mr. John Brennan, Chief Advisor
Beirut International Field Office
American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon

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FROM: CAIRO

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Elmore unaccompanied WTA Jidda June 23 9:45 A.M.
Aden Airways depart Cairo 4 A.M. must return June 27.

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TO: POA/W

DATE: June 16, 1954

Agreements still pending execution. Expect receive decision soon.

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Mc Corson (2)
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
June 15, 1954

Brigadier General O. L. Grover
Commander, 1414th Air Base Group (USAFB)
APO 616, c/o Postmaster
New York, N.Y.

Dear General Grover:

No doubt Colonel Personeus of your staff has informed you of the conversation which Ambassador Wadsworth, he and I had on June 12 relative to VOR installations in Saudi Arabia. In this connection, I am attaching hereto a copy of my cable to FOA/Washington, TOUSFO #502 dated June 12, which is self-explanatory.

In order to save time, I am wondering if you have in your files there any agreement forms which could be used for cases of this nature. If not, I shall prepare a draft of one and will send it to you for the purpose of modifications, deletions or additions thereto. As you know, in order that such funds may be available after June 30, 1954, an obligating agreement must be executed, with Washington's approval, prior to that date.

I am returning herewith two folders which you sent me attached to your letter dated April 1 last, presumably by error, since I have copies in our files here of the material contained in the enclosed folders.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
June 15, 1954

Arthur D. Little, Inc.
12, Sharia Tolombat
Garden City
Cairo, Egypt

Attention: Mr. Robert B. Bangs

Gentlemen:

I have read with considerable interest your report dealing with the potential Arab League market for Egyptian-manufactured goods. As requested by you, I give you below discrepancies in statements and figures as pertain to Saudi Arabia, feeling that you would want the latest and most accurate information available for such report.

On pages 2 and 78, mention of fertilizer is made as being an important Egyptian-manufactured product to be imported into Saudi Arabia during the next ten years. I would like to state that the Saudi Arabian Government has under serious consideration the construction of a fertilizer plant in the eastern part of the country for using the large quantities available of flare gas.

On page 20, first paragraph, the word "Hafuf" should be "Hofuf".

Also on page 20, the first paragraph under the section "Agriculture" should read as follows:

"The area where any agriculture is possible is very small; farming is mostly by means of irrigation and with little use of mechanical equipment. The principal crops are dates, sorghum, wheat, barley and millet. Fruit is also grown in small quantities." (Delete the last sentence of the paragraph re date crops.)

In the section under "Industry" (first paragraph) the yearly export of gold produced by the Saudi Arabian Mining Syndicate, according to 1946 statistics, was \$1,700,000. The second paragraph should read as follows:

"Several development schemes are under way, particularly construction of highways, ports, communications (telephone and radio), and water supplies (ground and surface)." (Delete the last sentence

of this paragraph since there is no agreement between Saudi Arabia and Point IV for the utilization of natural gas in the manufacture of cement, such project having been discussed but never concluded.)

I suggest that you obtain latest available information from the Arabian-American Oil Company covering petroleum, since I am sure they have more recent information than that given in your report.

I feel that several items of import shown on page 55 would better read, "Machinery, appliances, household wares, other small wares, and certain hard goods", instead of "Machinery, appliances, and other hard goods." Likewise, after "Transportation equipment", add "electric engines, electric supplies and other engines." Add under caption "Tobacco and cigarettes" - "cigarette paper". Underneath the source shown, add "Import figures exclude imports for Aramco for direct company use."

I am not sure what the two tables on page 56 are meant to show. If the table at the top of the page is meant to show total Saudi imports of products exported by Egypt, it seems that it should be enlarged considerably to include items such as furniture, wood, etc., which are included in the second table shown on that page. In addition, it would probably be better to take the figures for the two tables from the same country's statistics; i.e., Saudi Arabia, for the purpose of comparison. Aside from the difference in currencies used in the statistics of the two countries, the comparison might be misleading due to differences in coverage, commodity classification or evaluation.

I would suggest that the table at the top of page 56 read as follows, based on official Saudi Arabian statistics for the year 1951:

	<u>Millions of Riyals</u>
Cotton cloth	15.7
Sugar	11.8
Rayon and silk cloth	11.6
Cement	6.1
Cigarettes and cigarette tobacco	4.6
Rubber tires, innertubes and shoes	3.4
Pharmaceuticals	2.0
Soap	1.8
Leather shoes	.8
Wool cloth	.7
Writing paper	.5
Vegetable oils	.5
Glass lamp globes	.4
Total	<u>59.9</u>

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
June 12, 1954

Mr. Garry Owen
ARAMCO
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Garry:

Please find attached the original and two typed copies of one of the publications loaned to me. The rest will follow as typing is completed.

Regards.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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(Enclosures: List of Saudi Arab Government Regulations Distributed by Relations Department July 1947 - May 1950; also Regulations for Shari'ah Pleadings.)

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Mr. Corson.
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
June 9, 1954. (2)

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Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

At the Istanbul Conference there were considerable discussions regarding the advisability of improving the method of fund obligation in the implementation of IA programs and projects. As a result of such discussions a cable was sent out by FOA/W (Jidda USFOTO 189) authorizing Country Directors to conclude program/project agreements obligating funds under an approved budget without further Washington clearance, with certain provisos enumerated in that cable.

In studying "Operations Blueprint" as was transmitted to us attached to USFOTO Circular A-66 of April 29, 1954, we note that it is proposed to nullify the above-mentioned authorization for FY-55 operations, since on page 11 it states that project proposals will be submitted to FOA/W for clearances and that after these are obtained the Regional Office will authorize the Country Director to execute the project agreement. In view of this apparent reversal of authority given to the Country Director in line with decentralization (USFOTO 189), we sent you our TOUSFO 456 inquiring as to whether the proposed "Operation Blueprint" provisions covering procedure for handling project agreements would cancel the authority given in USFOTO 189, and that if such were the case we strongly recommended the continuance of such authority to Country Directors provided project agreements do not deviate substantially from budget presentation. We would like to reiterate this recommendation for FY-55 and subsequent operations. However, if FOA/W still feels that project proposals should be submitted for FOA/W approval prior to execution, we would like to suggest that this be done only on projects involving amounts in excess of say -- \$100,000 as the U.S. contribution.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
June 8, 1954

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Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

For the sake of expediency, my letter to you of June 7th with memorandum covering my meeting with the Finance Committee of the Council of Ministers at Riyadh, was sent via APO. Enclosed are additional copies.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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JUNE 8, 1954

For Gerson from Elmore.

Leaving Cairo for Tripoli tentative ETA Jidda June 21.
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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

June 8, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM : Joseph P. Farrell *JPF*
Investment Specialist

SUBJECT: Use of Anti-attachment Clause in Project Agreements

A question has arisen concerning the necessity or desirability of including an Anti-attachment Clause in project agreements entered into between us and SAG. A review of the files indicates that the State Department letter of May 9, 1953, indicated that the following clause be incorporated into the Rural Community Development Project "if SAG agrees":

"The two Governments will establish procedures whereby the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will so deposit, segregate or assure title to all funds allocated to or derived from any program involving contributions by the Government of the United States of America, or from any other source, that they shall not be subject to garnishment, attachment, seizure, or other legal process by any person, firm, agency, corporation, organization, or Government, when the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is advised by the Government of the United States of America that such legal process would interfere with the attainment of the objectives of the project."

Mr. Hazelton and I have been unable to find any other precedent for the inclusion of the clause.

Normally, it would seem that principles of international law, treaties, and at the very least, comity among nations would preclude the possibility of the legal process taking affect upon the joint fund of a sovereign host nation and a cooperating foreign nation. In view of this consideration and in consideration of the fact that neither the TCA Manual nor any other general directive has requests for the inclusion of the clause, it is felt that it is unnecessary to include the anti-attachment provision in agreements entered into with SAG. This opinion is strengthened by the fact that in the single instance where inclusion of the clause was suggested, the suggestion was predicated upon SAG's being agreeable. As you have pointed out, SAG, while not strongly objecting to use of the clause, has been something less than "agreeable" to its continued appearance in agreements.

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American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
June 7, 1954

Mr. Nicholas J. Pappas
Regional Inspector
Foreign Operations Administration
c/o Director, USOM to Lebanon
American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Nick:

I am enclosing a letter for you which was just received here from Washington.

I was very sorry not to be able to get back here from Riyadh prior to your departure. As a matter of fact, I was not able to leave Riyadh until Thursday afternoon of the following week. Although SAG and we are in accord on both TA and SEA agreements, none has been signed due to certain political issues between SAG and the U.S. Government - completely outside the activities of this Mission. I hope that such issues will be settled soon so that we can get our agreements signed and start implementing them. We all feel like impatient bystanders.

I am looking forward to hearing from you as to your observations and findings during your recent inspection of this Mission.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

June 6, 1954

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Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

In my letter dated May 16 I informed you that Crown Prince Faisel, President of the Council of Ministers, had summoned me to Riyadh to discuss and execute the proposed TA and SEA agreements. I left Jidda the following morning (May 17) and was accompanied by Sadek Hussein, Director of Liaison.

On the evening of May 17, I met with the Finance Committee of the Council of Ministers. That committee comprised:

Prince Sultan, Minister of Agriculture, as Chairman;
Shaikh Yussef Yassin, Deputy Foreign Minister;
Mohammed Sorour, Deputy Minister of Finance, and
Jamal Hussein, Advisor to the King.

The overall SEA agreement was the subject for discussion at that meeting. I cabled you from Riyadh (TOUSFO 462 - May 18) as to the Council's suggested modifications to the proposed agreement. There were several other modifications they wanted to introduce; also an additional clause stating that all maps, plans, photographs, analyses, assays and specifications shall remain the exclusive property of SAG, but after discussion they were withdrawn. The Committee wanted to know if SEA would be granted to Saudi Arabia in our FY-55 program, to which I replied that I did not know, although I personally felt that there would be.

The Committee then asked me if I had prepared project agreements under this year's SEA. Such agreements were presented in both English and Arabic. There was no discussion of these proposed agreements at that meeting. Prince Sultan stated that the respective Ministries would study them and discuss them with me later. These project agreements were: Water Development, road planning and engineering, Abha Dam, and Improvement to the Port of Jizan.

The following morning (May 18) I received a call to meet with a committee from the Ministry of Agriculture to discuss the water development

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project agreement. At this meeting there were Sharif Kassam, reportedly slated to be Director of Water Resources of the Ministry of Agriculture, Abdullah Dabbagh, reportedly slated to be Director General of Agriculture, and Dr. Ahmad Musa, an Egyptian lawyer assigned to the Ministry of Agriculture. I was told that the Ministry of Agriculture would prepare an agreement in substitution of the agreement I had presented, since the USAOM proposed agreement did not meet the requirements of the Ministry. There were no other discussions at this meeting.

The following day I sent a message to Glen Brown, who was in Dhahran at that time, to come to Riyadh to assist me in the discussions that were to follow. He arrived at Riyadh on May 22.

Four days later (May 22) I received a call from the above-mentioned Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture, asking me to meet with them that evening to discuss their proposed water development project agreement. After Brown and I read it over, I informed them that I could not accept it as it was presented, especially due to the financial clauses inserted therein. You will find enclosed herewith a copy of the agreement I presented and a copy of the agreement they presented. I particularly call your attention to paragraph No. 2 of Article III; and paragraphs Nos. 1, 3 and 4 of Article II. After much discussion and after observing the Agriculture Committee's uncooperative attitude, I suggested the meeting be adjourned until the following day.

On the evening of May 23, Brown and I met again with that Committee only to find that their attitude was even more unreasonable and less cooperative than the previous day. Under such circumstances, I called off further discussions with them, feeling certain that Prince Sultan was unaware of the stand being taken by his assistants and the Egyptian lawyer. When informed of the impasse that night by Shaikh Abdullah Turiki, a close friend of Prince Sultan and Sadek Hussein, the Prince agreed that discussions should be discontinued and that he would handle the matter. Nothing further developed with respect to the water development project agreement.

I might mention here that Sharif Kassam informed us, when questioning the SAG contribution of only \$2,000,000 (instead of \$4,700,000 required to do the water program the King requested that Brown prepare), we were informed that the scope of their proposed agreement was only a small part of the water development program they had included in their budget. The remaining part would be done by the Ministry with its own personnel, either Arab or foreign. With sub-projects to be determined by the Ministry of Agriculture only, you can readily understand that the U.S. contribution could be spent on work which would not benefit the Saudi people, but instead, only a given town or a Prince. I informed that Committee that the U.S. contribution was granted by Congress on the grounds that it would form part of an overall water development program as was discussed and agreed upon over a year ago between the Minister of Finance and this Mission.

The Abha Dam project agreement - within the scope of activities of the Ministry of Agriculture - was not even discussed.

I met with Prince Talal, Minister of Communications, three times, during which meetings cordiality and cooperation were greatly evidenced. He instructed his two technical advisors to discuss with me the Road Planning and Engineering project agreement. This meeting took place on the afternoon of May 23 and after only a few hours' discussion, we agreed on the terms and conditions of such agreement. It was presented by Prince Talal to the Council of Ministers on May 24 with a covering letter requesting authorization to sign it immediately after the overall SEA agreement was signed.

Mohammed Sorour, after studying the proposed project agreement covering improvements to the Port of Jizan, requested Sadek Hussein, who is also part of the Ministry of Finance, to discuss with me several minor changes in the text. These were acceptable and consequently a final agreement was prepared for this project.

The King invited me to dinner on May 20 but no business was discussed beyond the remark made by him, "I am being kept informed as to discussions in the Council regarding the development projects." He was very friendly and said he would like me to have dinner with him again before leaving Riyadh. I did not have this opportunity, apparently by reason of developments in the US-SAG relations during the last few days I was in Riyadh.

On the evening of May 24, I was asked to attend another meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council of Ministers. Brown accompanied me. I am enclosing a memorandum prepared by Brown covering this meeting. It was quite apparent at this meeting that the members of the Committee, although friendly, were preoccupied over something that had just happened but not related to Point Four, and merely were interested in knowing the magnitude of SEA that could be expected from the U.S. Government to weigh it against such other issues. The meeting was of short duration, but before it was adjourned I presented a new water development project agreement for the consideration of the Committee, after stating that we apparently could not agree with the Ministry of Agriculture on the Cooperative Service type of agreement. Prince Sultan took the draft of agreement and said he would study it. Nothing further developed in this connection.

Prince Sultan asked me to meet with him at 9:00 PM on May 26th. (He had to attend at 10:00 PM the last meeting of the Council of Ministers before recessing until June 8.) At that meeting it was most apparent that he had something to say which would embarrass him considerably. He was very friendly and after talking generalities for about ten minutes, he said he had to go to the meeting of the Council but wanted to thank me for the assistance and cooperation I had given his Committee, and that he would let me know within two or three days what decision the Council makes on SEA. I asked him if that applied to TA and his answer was in the affirmative. He then said Good-bye and left the meeting.

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Upon my return to Jidda I learned that FOA/W's reply to my cable of May 18 was received here on May 23 but was not brought to me at Riyadh by Dr. Dolley, as I had instructed, due to the fact that a visa could not be obtained in time for him to go to Riyadh. I immediately drafted a letter to Prince Sultan, cleared it with Ambassador Wadsworth, and dispatched it to the Prince. No reply has been received. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

No TA agreements were discussed, although Sadek Hussein told me on several occasions that these agreements, as presented, had been accepted by the respective Ministries.

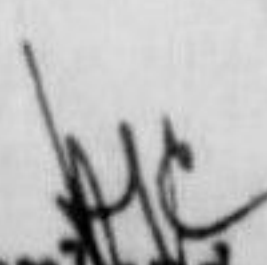
Several days after my return to Jidda, the Ambassador and I drafted a cable, which he sent to State, covering the situation as it existed then. Since that time the Ambassador has sent several other cables to State on the matter, which cables I am sure FOA/W has seen and discussed with State.

It is most unfortunate that USAOM is placed in the middle of a US-SAG relations dispute, completely unrelated to Point Four, and may be the "innocent bystander that gets hurt." I can assure you that the relations between this Mission and the Saudi Government as a whole, and the Saudi Ministries in particular, are excellent. This has been confirmed on several occasions lately by high Saudi officials.

As a precautionary measure, I am having the heavy construction equipment we purchased under the Community Development Agreement, the four new power wagons, the new water tank truck, and the six new Jeep station wagons taken down to the Embassy Compound for safe keeping. The Ambassador is in accord with this move. I will try to hold up the arrival here of the auto-claves and fans for the Quarantine Station. (The boilers have arrived.)

When and if official advice is received from SAG that they are not interested in SEA and they wish to cancel the TA agreement of January 17, 1951, I will write you regarding steps to be taken to wind up the affairs of this Mission.

Sincerely yours,


Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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2 Water Dev. Agmts submitted to Saudi Govt.
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Letter to Prince Sultan dtd May 29, 1954.

American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
June 12, 1954

Mr. Robert G. Sidener
Assistant Sales Manager
Schenley International Corporation
Empire State Building
350 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 1, 1954, relative to the operation of a Commissary in Jidda under the Foreign Operations Administration. This is to advise that there is no Commissary operating at the present time, nor is it anticipated that one will be opened in the future.

Furthermore, by Royal Decree the importation of alcoholic beverages into this country is prohibited.

Very truly yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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NEW YORK 1, N.Y.

June 1, 1954

Mr. Harland J. Corson
Director, FOA (TCA-2)
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Corson:

It has recently been brought to our attention that a Commissary has been opened in Jidda operating under the Foreign Operations Administration. Since our Company has had the pleasure of supplying the alcoholic beverage requirements of our good friends in the Foreign Service, either direct or through Commissaries, for quite a number of years, we would deem it a privilege to be able to serve the Commissary in Jidda also.

For your convenience, therefore, we are attaching hereto a copy of our current Foreign Service price list. This specially prepared price list contains a wide variety of alcoholic beverages that we supply tax-free out of our bonded warehouses. You will note that the prices listed are on a CIF basis, that is, they include the cost of merchandise at the port of shipment, ocean freight to port of discharge and insurance premium to destination, which will enable you to easily total the exact cost of any orders you place with us.

We are very proud to state that each and every brand is an outstanding product, and are certain that whatever you order will meet with your complete satisfaction insofar as quality and flavor are concerned. However, we would particularly recommend the following brands in their respective categories; Schenley Reserve Blended Whiskey, I.W. Harper 100 proof, Bottled-in-Bond Kentucky Bourbon and Canadian Schenley 909 Selected Canadian Whiskey. Our price list also contains an excellent assortment of Gin, Vodka, Rum, Brandy, Cordials and Wines which you may also wish to include in your orders.

With each order for 5 cases or more, arrangements will be made with our Advertising Department to include a substantial quantity of promotional and utility items, gratis, which we know you will enjoy and put to advantageous use.

Payment may be made by check on a U.S. bank either with the order or upon receipt of our invoice, whichever you prefer.

We are now looking forward to the pleasure of hearing from you, and wish to assure you in advance that your orders will have our very careful and prompt attention.

Very truly yours,

SCHENLEY INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

R. G. Sidener

Robert G. Sidener
Assistant Sales Manager

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 29, 1954

H.R.H. Prince Sultan Bin Abdul-Aziz
Chairman, Finance Committee
Council of Ministers
Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

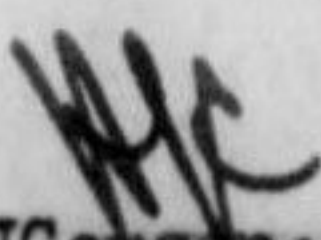
Your Royal Highness:

I have the honor and pleasure to inform Your Royal Highness that our Washington Office has agreed to the modifications of Article 3 in the proposed Special Economic Aid Agreement, as were requested by your Committee of the Council of Ministers. However, they would still like to have the word "effective" added before the word "share" unless there be continuing objection thereto on the part of the Royal Saudi Arabian Government.

My cable of May 18th from Riyadh (received in Washington May 19th) was answered on May 22d but could not be brought to me in Riyadh by one of my assistants, in accordance with my instructions, due to the fact that, despite repeated application to the Jidda authorities, he could not obtain a visa for Riyadh.

Respectfully,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia


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(To Sadek Hussein for translation and transmittal 6-1-54.)

11:00 am

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Your 187 May 24.

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to Shahran recently FOA/W cable
that it has already been repeated.
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FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION
Washington 25, D.C.

Mr. Corson



May 20, 1954

Mr. Harland J. Corson
Director, U.S.A. Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia
c/o American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Corson:

This is in reply to your letters of April 12
and April 19.

You should have by now USFOTO A-149 enclosing various
materials in response to your request. I hope that these materials
will meet your needs. If there are any other materials that you
feel would be useful, please be sure to let us know and we will be
glad to get them for you.

We hope that Donald Stone's paper on "National Organization
for the Conduct of Economic Programs" will be available in final
printed form in the near future and will send you a copy as soon as
it becomes available.

It was good to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Harvey Sherman

Harvey Sherman
Public Administration Division

Mr. Smith
Mr. [unclear]

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DATE: May 16, 1954

TO: FOA/W

USFOFO 366. Suggest Moller contact Robert Smith, Aeroservice, Philadelphia to review contour map preparation Khulais project and mosaic preparation Itwad project, and check with Bill Harman, USOS specifications and prices. Re departure Moller and Leonard see TOUSFO 446.

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John E. Moller departing BOAC 510 for London 5/29;
BOAC 704 for Beirut, 5/31; Saudi Arabian Airways 3 for Jidda.
Joe Leonard, wife and son age 8 years departing BOAC 510
for London 5/30; EM no 502 for Beirut, 6/1; Saudi Arabian
airways for Jidda, June 3.

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TO: FOA/W

As precautionary measure, suggest departure Noeller, Leonard, Brensseth, Confers; also shipment trucks, requisition No. 1002R, be held up pending receipt of advice from Riyadh as to disposition to be given by Council on respective projects. Will cable instructions immediately such advice received.

We are reviewing all pending requisitions. Will cable you soonest re action desired.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 15, 1954

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Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

Several weeks ago we were informed by FOA/W that agreements had been concluded between FOA/W and the following Tech agencies: Agriculture, Education, Public Health and Interior. To date we have received only a copy of the agreement with the Office of Education. Consequently, we should appreciate your sending us copies of the other three agreements above mentioned.

In addition to the foregoing, I should like to have word from you as to the status of present negotiations on an FOA/USGS contract. This will be important to us when and if we have our water development project agreement signed with SAG. As I have mentioned in previous correspondence with you, it is my thinking at the present time that it would be preferable to have two agreements with USGS -- one covering technicians and other personnel who might be employed to work exclusively under the water development project agreement, and the other covering Glen Brown, Roy Jackson, and other USGS personnel which we might have here, especially mineral geologists. Furthermore, mineral geology under a proposed aerial magnetic survey project agreement would be technical assistance and consequently US technicians' costs would not be included as part of our contribution in either cash or kind. On the other hand, US technicians' costs under the water development project agreement would be included in US contribution of cash or kind. Based on this distinction, it might be well to have the two agreements as suggested above. Your views in this connection will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 11, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

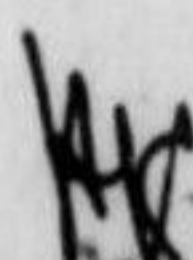
Dear Paul:

I have recently sent to FOA/W several cables suggesting that, as a precautionary measure, the departure of newly recruited personnel, also the actual shipment of supplies and equipment, be held up for the time being and until we are in a position to know what action the Council of Ministers will take regarding our program/project agreements. If SAG does not see fit to accept our offer of Technical Assistance and Economic Aid or if they decide that they would prefer other programs or projects instead of some or all of those submitted, obviously personnel, supplies, and equipment requirements could vary or could even not be required.

In view of these possibilities, although not probabilities, I felt it prudent to avoid the incurrence of what might be unnecessary expense. It is hoped, however, that those cables will not cause a complete stoppage in both recruitment and fulfillment of our requisitions for supplies and equipment since all I suggested was that personnel not depart and supplies and equipment not be shipped.

I hope to be able to let you know very soon what the Council of Ministers decides to do regarding our program/projects. Of course, I think it very unwise to try to "sell them" our aid or try to coax them into accepting it. We have made our offers and it is now up to them to accept or reject it, in whole or in part. We are, however, pressing for a decision due to the short time remaining in our current fiscal year.

Sincerely,


Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Dr. Corson

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 10, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM: Robert D. Dolley, Chief
Education Division

SUBJECT: Authorization to assign publications to SAG officials.

I want to put the three volumes of American University, which I have just received, in the hands of proper SAG officials. However, in doing so, I do not want to be charged personally with the cost (\$15.00) for these publications. May I have your authorization to assign them to the SAG?

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Control: T0870 #450

TO: FGA/W

DATE: May 9, 1954

Pending receipt advice from Riyadh as to disposition proposed project agreements, suggest approval this Mission be obtained prior to actual placement purchase orders covering requisitions 4109 R, 4111 R, 4113 R, 4114 R, 4120 R; also 3107 R through 3117 R.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 9, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I am enclosing herewith an original in both English and Arabic of Project Agreement No. 4, in Health and Sanitation. This agreement covers the establishment of a laboratory for the manufacture of vaccines. You will note that Prince Abdullah El Faisal, Minister of Health, signed this agreement on April 27, 1954.

We have made it clear to the Ministry of Health that as soon as they show us an executed lease on a building suitable for such a laboratory or a contract with a construction firm for a suitable building for this laboratory, we will place our order for the agreed upon equipment. We have also made it clear that such equipment will not be shipped from the United States until such time as the building has been completely readied, including the installation of utilities.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Enclosures (2)

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Control: TOISPO #449

TO: FOA/W

DATE: May 8, 1954

For Taggart.

Ambassador recently discussed situation here with King. Suggest
you contact Brittan of State to learn gist that conversation from
Ambassador's cable dated May 5. Writing.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy -- Jidda

May 8, 1954

Mr. Robert H. Smith
Vice President
Aero Service Corporation
236 East Courtland Street
Philadelphia 20, Pennsylvania

Dear Bob:

Thanks very much for your kind letter of April 30. I have been back on the job for about a week although working from home. Today is my first day in the office. Everything went off wonderfully well and I feel exceptionally good. It was a close call while it lasted, as the surgeon told me I only had about three or four more hours to go after I reported to him.

When Washington informed you that "it is about the same" here, they were quite right. A week ago last Wednesday, the King signed the first section of the SAG budget. The Council then took a short recess and resumed sessions the early part of this week. Since development projects comprise the second section of the budget, it is to be presumed that they are now working on that section and we are hopeful that within a few days we will hear from the Council of Ministers as to what we can expect in the way of signing projects prior to the end of our fiscal year ending June 30. Shaikh Abdul Aziz Sulaiman wired his father who, of course, is in Riyadh, requesting information on the status of our agreements but to date, no reply has been received. I am sending an official letter today to the Crown Prince in his capacity as President of the Council of Ministers, pointing out our situation and the fact that unless funds which we have available for fiscal year 1954 budget are obligated by the end of next month, they will automatically be returned to the U.S. Treasury thereby eliminating any possibility of their subsequent use. In that letter I also asked him to let me know what steps can be taken by the Council of Ministers to expedite the execution of project agreements, both under technical assistance and economic aid. I hope to have a reply from the Crown Prince within the next four or five days.

Kindest personal regards, and I do hope that you will be here shortly.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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TOUSPO #447

DATE:

May 8, 1951

TO: FOA/W

No Jidda-Washington airmail pouch this week. Next pouch leaving
May 11th.

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BEIRUT, Lebanon

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P. O. B. 1493

Mr. Dolly

Mr. J.B.

AKC
May 7, 1954

Dear Gerry,

I was most sorry to hear of the conditions surrounding your recent appendectomy. However, Mr. Edens informed me at Amman the other day that your recovery was quite rapid and that your countenance, cheerful.

I had fully expected to return to the States upon leaving Jidda but a cable greeted me when I arrived in Beirut necessitating my going to Amman. I am again waiting here to see one of our field men and hope to depart Stateside next weekend.

Hope this finds you well enough to sit up and cope with the Ministers.

Kindest regards
Tom C. Wilson

FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE

Washington 25, D.C.

May 7, 1954

Mr. Corson
Mr. Devlin



AIR POUCH

Mr. Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia
c/o American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Corson:

Paul Taggart has asked me to reply to your letter of March 3rd in which you request information about the status of the AUB project.

The Regional Training Conference's report and recommendations are being implemented by a new AUB training contract now being drafted. This new three-year contract will replace all existing contracts and will provide an average of 90 fellowships per year in agriculture, 10 fellowships per year in industrial chemistry, 109 in public health, 30 in education, 30 in engineering, 30 in technical training, and 35 in public administration. In addition, the new contract will provide workshop or summer institute programs for 30 secondary teachers, 50 rural-urban elementary teachers, and 60 one-month fellowships in the field of public administration.

Because of the lack of qualified trainees, Libya and Saudi Arabia have had, and will continue to have, difficulty in using these training facilities at AUB.

If considered advisable there is no reason why the Country Mission could not by separate agreement utilize AUB for any level or type of training desired, if available there. Iran is doing this in the field of agriculture.

As calculated by Jordan, the cost per participant in the Training Institute is \$112 each for travel, insurance, incidental expenses, fees, health care, etc. Tuition, board and lodging are arranged through USOM/Lebanon.

Sincerely yours,

Richard B. Farnsworth

Richard B. Farnsworth
Regional Officer
for the Near East, Africa and Europe
Education Division
Office of Public Services

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 2, 1954

PERSONAL

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

After having had a "close call," I am glad to report that I am back on the job again, feeling better than ever. I certainly had a miraculous recovery.

Without any forewarning I started having abdominal pains somewhat like cramps late Thursday afternoon of last week. After suffering with them all that night and the next morning, I decided to check with a doctor. He immediately pronounced it acute appendicitis "and maybe other complications." Without losing any time he rushed me to the hospital here, where I was given a knockout shot and wheeled into the operating room. It was found that the appendix, instead of being in the normal position, was embedded in the intestines in the middle of the abdomen, had ruptured in two places, and about half of it was gangrenous. To make matters worse, peritonitis had set in. After an hour and a half on the table, I was rolled out into a room that was like a sweatbox and about ten hours later I came out of the anaesthesia feeling quite uncomfortable but without any of the usual after effects; i.e., gas pains, nausea and headaches. The next day I felt very good and was allowed out of bed several times. The third day I dictated my letter to you of the 26th and was ready for work but on doctor's orders, all I could do was be quiet and receive visitors. Everybody was so nice to me and I certainly did appreciate it.

I came home from the hospital yesterday feeling like a million dollars and am working from home for a few days before going back to the office.

The surgeon told me yesterday that had I delayed three or four more hours before reporting to the hospital, I would probably be playing dominoes with St. Peter by this time, so all is well that ends well.

In line with your telegraphic instruction, Thel Taylor will get a complete medical report and will forward it to the Medical Officer.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM: CAIRO

DATE: APRIL 23 14 52, 1954

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RECEIVED: APRIL 24 08 03Z, 1954

For Carson from Kinore.

Regret prior commitments Beirut and Amman re development assistance pursuant FOA/W instructions prevents joining you Riyadh. General Counsel Wolf has approved redraft agreements.

STEVENS

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Ambassador
FOA - Action
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Info: Carson

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

CONFIDENTIAL

May 3, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I refer to your letter dated April 12 which arrived while I was in the hospital.

As I have informed you in correspondence going forward by this mail, the King recently approved the first section of the budget which covers Government operations and it is to be presumed that the second section of the budget covering development projects will now be discussed and approved. All indications which we have had so far point to the fact that substantial reductions have already been made in the amounts requested by each of the Ministers. For instance, we understand that the Minister of Communications presented a budget of 120,000,000 Saudi Riyals, and the last we heard was that his budget limitation now stands at SR 50,000,000. We have also heard that the Ministry of Education presented a budget of SR 50,000,000, but to date we have heard of no cuts in his budget. We have been promised a copy of not only the second section of the budget, but also a copy of the entire budget shortly after it has been approved. Immediately this is received we shall send you a copy for your information and files.

We discussed with the respective Ministers the approximate amounts which should be included in their budgets to cover SAG contributions to the respective projects under Special Economic Aid in order that in the preparation of their budgets such amounts might be included. As I have already informed you in recent communications, all of our agreements are now of the obligating type which means, of course, that as soon as they are signed, the covering funds will be encumbered. Now the question remains is - will the Council of Ministers get around to discussing with us and approving the execution of the 17 proposed agreements prior to the end of next month? Of course, we have pointed out at every turn the urgency of this matter so that FY-54 program funds, as well as SEA funds, will not have to be returned to the Treasury due to their being unobligated before the end of the fiscal year. We have also pointed out to SAG officials that it is not to be expected that our Government would

be very happy about appropriating funds for FY-55 programs and projects when the Saudi Government did so little to avail itself of the FY-54 funding available for programs/projects. I was informed last night that Shaikh Abdullah Sulaiman (MinFin) expects to return to Jidda tomorrow and will remain here for a few days prior to returning to Riyadh. We have already asked for an appointment with him in order to review this whole situation and to obtain his valued views as to when we may expect action.

I have written you by this same mail regarding the matter of sending specifications for contracts to FOA/W at this time and will await your advice in this connection.

With respect to my having clearance from Washington on program/project agreements, this was given to all directors shortly after the Istanbul conference. In other words, directors are authorized to draw up their own agreements, execute them and then forward a copy on to Washington. I recently reviewed all communications with FOA/W for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the aforementioned authority covers SEA project agreements, as well as TA agreements, but could find nothing specific. Consequently, I cabled FOA/W asking whether SEA project agreements should be forwarded to Washington for approval prior to execution but to date have had no reply to that cable. Ambassador Wadsworth has informed me that in the event I do not receive a reply prior to the time when SAC is ready to sign such agreements, I should go ahead and sign them with his authorization. I hope that I will hear from Washington soon in response to my inquiry in this connection and that in view of the late date I may be authorized to handle SEA agreements the same as I am authorized to handle TA agreements.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corsen
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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Rice Cox

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

(Sent APO)

May 3, 1954

Mr. William C. Spurrier
Otis Building
610 - 18th St. N.W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

We are contemplating bringing over here some livestock and feed for a livestock improvement farm under a project agreement with the Saudi Arabian Government. However, in trying to work up some cost figures, we seem to be unable to obtain from here any reliable information in this connection. The thought occurs to me that quite possibly you might have in your office data which will serve our purpose in preparing cost estimates and if so, I shall greatly appreciate your letting me have it at your earliest convenience.

The livestock which we propose to import here from the Southwest - shipment either from Galveston or New Orleans - will be the following:

	<u>Estimated weight</u>
60 Head of sheep	10,000 lbs.
24 Head of milk goats	3,600 lbs.
25 Head of dairy cattle	20,000 lbs.
1 Jack	800 lbs.

Feed to be imported at the same time would be -

Cotton seed hulls	300 tons
Cotton seed meal	29 "
Barley	34 "
Grain Sorghum	20 "
Oats	36 "
Wheat bran	25 "
Wheat middlings	10 "
Alfalfa leaf meal	4 "
Meat scraps	4 "
Dried buttermilk	2 1/2 "
Minerals	5 "

Presumably the livestock would be shipped as deck cargo in built-in pens, whereas the feed would be hold cargo. In addition to some

estimate as to freight on this shipment, we should like to know what is customary with regard to the following:

1. Are the pens to be built on deck by the shipper or by the carrier?
2. What equipment will be needed to accompany the livestock? That is, are water troughs, feed boxes, reserve water tank, etc. to be furnished by the shipper or by the carrier?
3. What would be the cost of placing both the cattle and the feed on board steamer at either of the above-mentioned ports?
4. We should like the shipment to arrive here approximately mid-October. What schedules are there from either of these ports direct to Jidda; i.e., without transfer?
5. How long before departure of ship should the livestock be delivered to the dock?
6. Any other pertinent information which might occur to you in this connection.
7. Since this shipment would be made on Government bill of lading, is insurance taken care of by the Government or would it be handled by the forwarding agents for us?

We have written to several individuals in our Department of Agriculture in an endeavor to obtain the above information but have had no response whatsoever. Consequently, I am taking the liberty of writing to you in the hope that you will be able to assist us in this connection, with the idea, of course, that shipment would be handled by you.

With kindest personal regards to you and Jim, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Mailing address:

American Embassy (USOM/SA)
APO 616 (Box 3), c/o PM
New York, N.Y.

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United States of America

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CHARGE:

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Control: 54

TO: AmEmbassy, Cairo

DATE: May 3, 1954

For RSO. from Corson.

Refer Emb. OM 284 dated April 21. Request expeditious reply.

JONES

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CAIRO

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APRIL 21 0949Z, 1954

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For Carson from Elmore.

Priority 49 as received not clear. Please repeat or clarify particularly as to place and time of anticipated action reference project agreements.

STEVENS

lsa

DIST:

Ambassador
PCA - Action
Lindquist
File

Action: - Carson

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DATE: April 21, 1954

TO: Embassy, Cairo

For Frank Elmore from Corson.

Expect be called Riyadh latter part this week to discuss and
execute all pending agreements. Can you accompany me or come
Riyadh soonest. Advise.

WADSWORTH

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Walkerville, Ont.
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April 21, 1954.

Director,
Foreign Service Administration,
c/o the American Embassy,
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 11, 1954

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Mr. Hugh D. Farley
Director, US Operations Mission to Lebanon
American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Hugh:

It was surely nice to receive your letter dated April 20 and I regret that I have not been able to answer it sooner, the delay having been due to the fact that I had to have a ruptured and gangrenous appendix cut out of me. Fortunately, I had a miraculous recovery and am now back on the job.

I am glad to know that the student riots were not against Point IV as was reported here. As you can well imagine, the effects can impress those who do not possess the true facts. It was also rumored here that Lebanon has been granted economic aid to the extent of \$35,000,000 which compared with \$3,350,000 economic aid granted to Saudi Arabia, did not create a very favorable feeling here. Naturally, as opportunities presented themselves, we combated erroneous talk but the fact remains that those not reached by us continued having the wrong impressions. As you probably know, one of the principle gripes of SAG is that they have given all kinds of aid and concessions to the U.S. and in turn, the U.S. grants them only small considerations.

As yet, we do not have our FY '54 Technical Assistance project agreements signed nor do we have our SEA over-all agreement signed. The Council of Ministers is still in session and now that the first section of the budget has been approved and signed by the King (Government Operations) the Council is now considering all economic and social development work under which both our TA and SEA projects will come. I reviewed our present situation yesterday with the Minister of Finance and he said that he would wire the King immediately asking that prompt decisions be made on both Point IV, TA, and SEA projects. He said that he hoped that he would have a reply from the King within two or three days, so it is hoped that we will know very shortly where we stand on both programs. I had prepared a rather pointed letter to send to the King on the situation, especially pointing out that if our TA and SEA funds are not obligated through the medium of signed project agreements by the end of our present fiscal year, all such unobligated funds will be returned to the U.S. Treasury, and could not be used subsequently.

I also pointed out the fact that it was hardly likely that our Congress would appropriate money for Saudi Arabia's development of projects for the fiscal year 1955 if funds made available for such projects during the fiscal year 1954 were not used. I have decided not to send the letter to the King until I know his reply to the Finance Minister's wire of last night. In the meantime, we are all sitting around here waiting for something constructive to do. This is certainly a land of frustration, although a very interesting one.

I am glad to know that your TA and, I hope, SEA projects are coming along all right. Several months ago, I discussed with FOA/W the possibility of SEA project agreements being considered as TA in the event SAG refuses to sign an over-all economic aid agreement. I also discussed this same matter with Norm Paul in Beirut. I am attaching a copy of USFOTO 275 dated February 27 from FOA/W giving me authorization to consider SEA project agreements as TA if the necessity arises. I am attaching a copy of USFOTO 275 for your information.

With respect to your inquiry as to whether or not we are including the program about making commodities available on a grant basis and setting up a special fund to cover local currency costs, both of these provisions have been eliminated for Saudi Arabia due to the fact that commodities on a grant basis are out of the question here. Also, there is no necessity for any special fund to be established for covering local currency costs since Saudi Arabia is a hard currency country. Furthermore, I did not wish to have contributions both by the U.S and by SAG determined on a currency basis, but instead wanted this to be left to our discretion in the case of each project. FOA/W finally compromised and agreed with us, but insisted that we include in our agreement that the host government contributions would at least cover local currency costs. We have most of our proposed project agreements, both for TA and SEA, drawn up on a Cooperative Service basis and hope that the respective Ministers will go along with us. You might be interested to know that in our Cooperative Service type of agreement, neither the Minister nor the Country Director act as co-directors of the Service but instead, the Minister appoints a managing co-director and the Country Director appoints an advisory co-director; likewise, the Minister appoints an administrator and the Country Director appoints a technical advisor to the administrator. In this way, we are relieved of all liabilities and yet have our "say" in the operations of each Service. I might also mention that so far, none of the Ministries have raised any objections to all the ^{fiscalization} clauses which we included in our Cooperative Service agreements even though their contributions will probably average from three to four dollars to every dollar contributed by us.

I recently received a very nice letter from Tracy and was quite shocked to learn that Governor Stassen has relieved him of his duties as Country Director to Jordan. He did not mention any reasons and consequently, I am at a loss to understand his termination since I was highly impressed at the Istanbul conference by his thorough grasp of

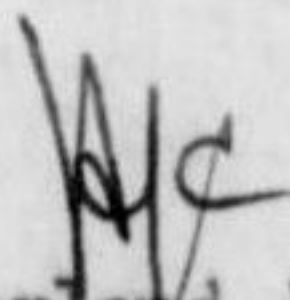
Point IV operations, both in general and so far as Jordan is concerned. Do you know the reasons for Tracy's recall? Has a successor been appointed, and if so, who is he?

I think your idea of a periodic get-together of yourself, Henry, Tracy or his successor, the Admiral, and myself to discuss our respective problems and compare notes on operations is an excellent one. As you will note from the above, I am sitting here awaiting decisions from Riyadh and consequently, it would not be possible for me to leave here, but I am wondering if it would be possible for the others to come to Jidda. We have a guest apartment which will accommodate four and could take care of the others very well. This might be quite an appropriate time to discuss among ourselves relationships between USOMs and host governments. After you have had an opportunity to check on a meeting here with the others concerned, I would appreciate your letting me know if such a meeting is convenient for them and when they would be here.

I too, have heard that quite a bit of Saudi money is flowing into Lebanon and also into Egypt, most of which is being invested in real estate, mostly apartment houses, moving picture houses, and office buildings. I understand that most of this money is being invested by members of the Royal Family.

Kindest personal regards to you. I am looking forward to hearing from you shortly.

Sincerely,



Harland J. Corson
Director

USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Enclosure

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OPERATIONS MISSION TO LEBANON

Point 4

American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon
April 20, 1954

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Dear Jerry:

Good to hear from you.

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KAC

About your reports concerning student riots against the Point IV program. So far as I know, this is another linking of non-sequiturs, which did not even appear in our wild local press, -- which gets off some hot ones, as you know. The student riot at AUB was directed against the U. S. - Pakistani military pact, and was probably helped by a little inspired guidance. It was poorly handled, with the result of one student's death. Things are now quiet again, since AUB started its Easter vacation at once, to disperse potential trouble-makers.

Currently, there is some student agitation against some rumors to the effect that we were stopping our English-teaching program -- one directed primarily at government workers and teachers. I have just completed a review of this project and decided to continue it, largely for political reasons and because it is very popular, but not as a strictly Point IV type affair. News of this review apparently got around, and we have had many representations to continue the business.

These two recent events come as close as anything I know to your reports about "student riots".

Your troubles with your '54 TA and SEA programs have a very familiar ring; and, having been in Amman for a day last week to talk with Tracy Welling and Frank Elmore, apparently Jordan is in the same box. To bring you up to date -- both here and in Jordan the proposed SEA agreements were transmitted just about a month ago; and each government has been informed of the ceiling for its grant aid: \$6 million for Lebanon, and \$8 million for Jordan. Tracy has had not a peep from his boys, and is getting a little worried about the march of time. The Ambassador and he both think they will take it, but are afraid they may stall so long that they may lose it by default.

GOL is coming along OK, and I hope for specific written proposed changes in the agreement today from them, on the basis of which we can wire Washington.

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Frank Elmore tells me Norm Paul suggested you go ahead on SEA projects without a general agreement. Is this so? Have you had any confirmation from Washington on this? Are you including that paragraph about making commodities available on a grant basis, and setting up a special fund to cover local currency costs, as Frank wrote you in a letter dated March 31?

The GOL has raised substantially only two queries with us on the agreement: one, to change the preamble so as to make this new development assistance be played as flowing from the basic technical assistance agreement (primarily so they don't have to refer the new text to Parliament, I believe); and two, to eliminate this paragraph about commodities and a special fund. I'm inclined to endorse both ideas, myself; but I would appreciate any views from your experience.

Turning back to the TA programs, we, too, are amending our basic agreement on that, and have been held up, as you have, until GOL passed its 1954 budget. That was just done last week by their Council of Ministers, and we hope to get the funds unlocked this week by a simple change, just specifying the new amounts.

Tracy is having somewhat more trouble on his TA renewal, although he thinks it will go through OK. There is no truth in the rumors we had, and possibly you, too, that HKJ is about to throw out our TA program. But it is true that they have asked the UNTA people to get out. Tracy says they can afford that gesture, since the UN is only spending about \$50,000 a year there.

Affairs in Amman will be a bit more involved, I imagine, upon Tracy's departure the middle of next month, when he is being terminated. He didn't know who the new Director is to be.

Perhaps sometime in the next month we could have a get-together of yourself, Henry Wiens, Tracy or his successor, and Stevens, to compare notes and see where we stand on our respective programs and problems. Let me know if any time would be better than another for you. Perhaps we could look forward to doing this periodically, on a rotating basis from place to place.

One last question: I understand quite a bit of Saudi money is flowing into Lebanon in one way or another -- much of it into real estate, an investment market that is, I think, becoming pretty well

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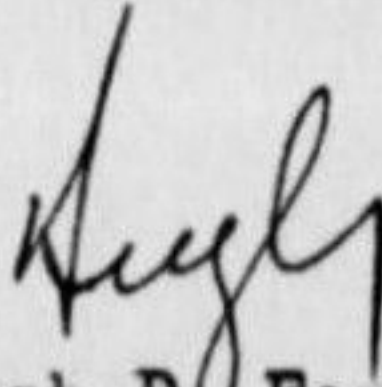
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covered now. Do you have any facts about this movement? And what about it? Could it be directed into somewhat longer-range, but still profitable, development work?

Meanwhile, best of luck.

Sincerely yours,


Hugh D. Farley
Director

Mr. Harland J. Corson
Director
US Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia
c/o American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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DISADM - Lybia

April 23, 1954

Dear Mr. Corson:

We have no knowledge here of any communication as suggested by Mrs. Harris during her visit to Saudi Arabia.

I am enclosing, for your information, the protocol list used in this country, in which the United States set-up is listed on page 14. As you will notice, I am next to the Minister and this was based on an earlier communication received shortly after Mr. Villard assumed office as Minister to this country.

Going back into my memory of other operations, I recollect that at one time, either in the enabling legislation or in the appropriation bills, it was stipulated that the chiefs of aid missions would rank next to Ambassadors and Ministers but not be considered as in line of command. The ruling we had from Washington follows this principle and I think should appropriately be carried out in Saudi Arabia.

Please give very best regards to Ambassador Wadsworth from Mrs. Jago and myself, and tell him that I am delighted at the reports of his enterprise in the development of a golf course in what is otherwise in my opinion a very God-forsaken spot.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Jago
Director

Enclosure: Diplomatic List

Mr. Harland J. Corson,
Director, USOM to Saudi Arabia,
c/o American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 20, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I have noted that new employees arriving from Washington come from Beirut on Air Liban instead of on Saudi Arabian Airlines. Air Liban is a subsidiary of Air France, whereas Saudi Airlines is owned by the Saudi Government but maintained and operated by TWA.

It may be that FOA/W Transportation Division does not have schedules of SAA but are able to get Air Liban schedules from the Air France office in Washington.

It would seem to me that wherever possible and convenient our personnel should travel on SAA in preference to airlines of other nationalities. I might say that the flight record of SAA is excellent.

For information of FOA/W Transportation Division, SAA planes leave Beirut for Jidda via Damascus Tuesday and Thursday mornings. SAA planes from Cairo to Jidda direct or via Medina leave Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday mornings. The Tuesday flight from Beirut is by DC-3, whereas the Thursday flight is by DC-4. The Thursday and Sunday flights from Cairo are by DC-3, whereas the Tuesday flight is by DC-4.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Copy to - Mr. William A. Blankenship, Technical Manager
Saudi Arabian Airlines, Jidda

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 19, 1954

Mr. Harvey Sherman
Public Administration Program Branch
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sherman:

In a letter of April 12 to FOA/Washington, we requested certain information with respect to the Department of Commerce. This morning another request was received for organization charts and activity information of U.S. communications agencies - FCC and ICC. Although these people recognize that their problems are basically different from ours, at the outset of most discussions a request is made for fairly comprehensive information as to the manner in which related problems are handled in the United States. Accordingly, data such as organization charts, a bit of the more pertinent legislation, and general information on the work of FCC and ICC will prove very useful.

Would it be possible for you to furnish us with a copy of the pamphlet, "National Organization for the Conduct of Economic Development Programs" by Donald C. Stone. The publication may be pertinent to our interest with respect to business climate.

Also, an article which appeared in "Progress in Public Administration" Number 3 for February 1954 (page 9), published by International Institute of Administrative Sciences, refers to the signing by the President of Costa Rica of a basic statistics law setting up a permanent statistical service for the country. A copy of this or similar work in the same direction would be very helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director

USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia


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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 19, 1954

Dear Jeff:

The SAG/Siemens & Halske contract covers the installation of high frequency radio carrier telephony and teleprinter system between -

Jidda and Medina
Jidda and Riyadh
Jidda and Amman.

Such contract also covers the installation of open wire carrier telephony and telegraphy system between Jidda and Mecca, and between Mecca and Taif.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Mr. J. Jefferson Jones III,
American Consul,
Jidda.

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*For attachments see
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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 19, 1954

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Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I am attaching hereto in duplicate an audit made by our Controller, John Bode, of the books of MiBaker, Incorporated/Jidda, as pertains to expenditures effected by MiBaker, Incorporated during the first three months of this year under our contract with that firm.

You will note that total expenditures, including service fee, amount to \$34,419.18, whereas the maximum reimbursable amount (including the above-mentioned fee) allowable under that contract was \$54,000. We are now making final payment to MiBaker, Incorporated, thereby closing out all obligations under that contract.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Audit, as above

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 19, 1954

Mr. Henry Wiens, Director
USA Operations Mission to Iraq
American Embassy
Baghdad, Iraq

Dear Henry:

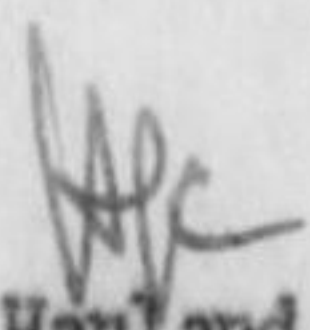
As promised in Beirut, I am attaching the estimated annual cost per technician employed by our Mission here, which includes "cost at post" - a very high cost item as compared with other posts.

I have finally located the name and address of the engineering firm in the States which specializes in grain drying and storage facilities; i.e. --

Drying Plant Engineers, Inc.
Suite 205
Commonwealth Building
1625 K Street, N.W.
Washington 5, D.C.
Attn: J. K. Dunn, President

It may be that this firm has moved into its new offices since I left Washington and, if so, I am sure that mail addressed to the Commonwealth Building would be forwarded.

Sincerely yours,


Harland J. Corson
Director

USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

Enclosure -
As above

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October 15, 1953

ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST OF TECHNICIAN

BASIC SALARY (average)	\$ 8,400.
plus 5% allowance for periodic step increase	<u>400.</u>
	\$ 8,800.
POST DIFFERENTIAL - 25%	<u>2,200.</u>
	\$ 11,000.
POST ALLOWANCE (Cost of Living Allowance) including possible restoration of recent reduction, and including transfer and separation allowances	<u>3,000.</u>
TOTAL REMUNERATION	\$ 14,000.
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL - giving consideration to new recruitments and eligibility of present employees for home leave accompanied by families and return	<u>3,000.</u>
REMUNERATION AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL	\$ 17,000.
COST AT POST	
Distributive share of Rent, Electricity and Maintenance of Government-leased Residences	\$ 4,500.
Local Travel	2,000.
Distributive share of Auto Supplies, Petty Purchases, Customs and Pier Charges, etc.	<u>1,500.</u>
TOTAL COST AT POST	<u>8,000.</u>
TOTAL ANNUAL COST OF TECHNICIAN	<u><u>\$ 25,000.</u></u>

Dr Corson

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 19, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

This will acknowledge receipt of a copy of Norman Paul's memorandum to all desk officers dated March 31, 1954, regarding application of 50-50 shipping provision to special economic assistance.

We have taken note of Morris Wolf's memorandum transcribed therein and of course will be guided accordingly, although we do not foresee any cases where other than U.S. flag vessels would be used for transporting supplies and equipment for our programs in Saudi Arabia.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Mr. Corson (1)

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 18, 1954

Mr. Roland D. Smith
Acting Assistant Director
for Economic Development
Foreign Operations Administration
Mutual Security Mission to China
Union Building
9 Paoching Road
Taipei, Taiwan

Dear Mr. Smith:

With reference to your letter of March 25, I am enclosing summary tables showing Saudi Arabian Government figures on imports and exports during the Islamic year 1369 (approximately November 1949-October 1950), the latest year for which such data were published. The publication from which these figures were taken also contains figures on a more detailed commodity basis, but these detailed figures have not been translated into English.

We have not attempted to analyze or evaluate the Saudi Arabian import-export statistics. However, a statistical consultant has recently been added to the staff of our Public Administration Division, and we should have more information on the timeliness, presentation and reliability of these data in the future.

It is possible to obtain later figures on the trade of Saudi Arabia from publications of partner-trading countries. These figures would of course be subject to noncomparability in commodity classification, coverage, valuation, etc. This office has not assembled figures in this manner, but it is likely that the Monetary Agency, Aramco or some other office has done so. We shall check on this matter and advise you.

© Very truly yours,

HJC
Harland J. Corson
Director

USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Summary Tables

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Imports and Exports of Saudi Arabia as shown in the Publication
GENERAL STATISTICS, CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF FINANCE, 1369

<u>Description</u>	<u>I M P O R T S</u>	Value (Saudi Riyals)
1. Food Stuffs		49,192,403
2. Miscellaneous food items		115,891,088
3. Perfumery or Spices		4,338,806
4. Textile and Textile Articles		51,943,270
5. Tobacco, Jurak (Indian Tobacco) Cigarette Paper		6,004,563
6. Small-wares and household utensils		36,137,900
7. Transportation facilities, tools & machinery		33,117,606
8. Fuel		6,580,580
9. Construction Materials		10,165,061
10. Miscellaneous Articles		776,927
11. Cattle & livestock		2,259,273
Total		316,407,477

<u>E X P O R T S</u>	Value (Saudi Riyals)
1. Agricultural products	123,618
2. Animals & animal products	828,905
3. Sea products	4,124
4. Local or internal products	2,789,930
5. Miscellaneous Articles	3,125
6. Mineral products	Not shown
7. Oil and oil products	Not shown*

*27,579,846 tons

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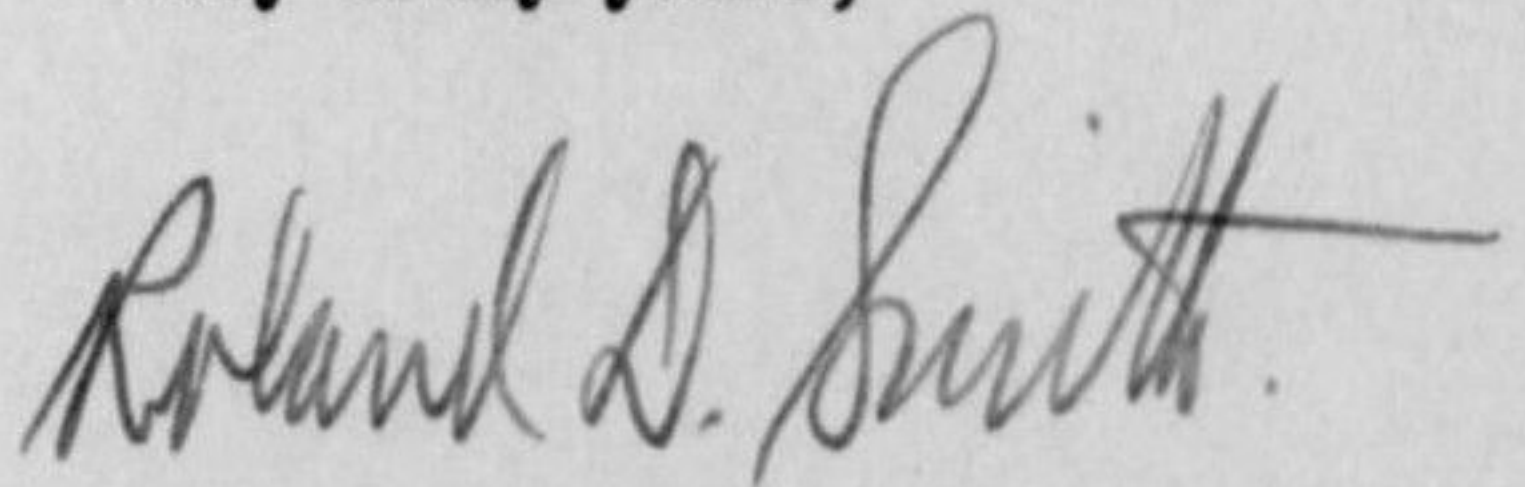
MAR 25 1954

Honorable Harland J. Carson
Director
U.S.A. Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia
c/o American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Carson:

We would appreciate your sending us by airmail at your earliest convenience, customs statistics covering Saudi Arabia's imports and exports by commodity during 1953. If, however, 1953 statistics are not yet available, figures for 1952 would also be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,



Roland D. Smith
Acting Assistant Director
for Economic Development

Mr. Smith
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DATE: April 21, 1954

TO: Embassy, Cairo

For Frank Elmore from Corson.

Expect be called Riyadh latter part this week to discuss and
execute all pending agreements. Can you accompany me or come
Riyadh soonest. Advise.

WADSWORTH

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FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION

Washington 25, D.C.

May 7, 1954



AIR POUCH

Mr. Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia
c/o American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Corson:

Paul Taggart has asked me to reply to your letter of March 3rd in which you request information about the status of the AUB project.

The Regional Training Conference's report and recommendations are being implemented by a new AUB training contract now being drafted. This new three-year contract will replace all existing contracts and will provide an average of 90 fellowships per year in agriculture, 10 fellowships per year in industrial chemistry, 109 in public health, 30 in education, 30 in engineering, 30 in technical training, and 35 in public administration. In addition, the new contract will provide workshop or summer institute programs for 30 secondary teachers, 50 rural-urban elementary teachers, and 60 one-month fellowships in the field of public administration.

Because of the lack of qualified trainees, Libya and Saudi Arabia have had, and will continue to have, difficulty in using these training facilities at AUB.

If considered advisable there is no reason why the Country Mission could not by separate agreement utilize AUB for any level or type of training desired, if available there. Iran is doing this in the field of agriculture.

As calculated by Jordan, the cost per participant in the Training Institute is \$112 each for travel, insurance, incidental expenses, fees, health care, etc. Tuition, board and lodging are arranged through USOM/Lebanon.

Sincerely yours,

Richard B. Farnsworth
Regional Officer
for the Near East, Africa and Europe
Education Division
Office of Public Services

Fertilizer plant.

RALPH D. LAMIE
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT
1509 VAN BUREN STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 12, D. C.

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REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEER

Dear Jerry: - I hope I am not confusing you too much but I think that we are finally coming up with a logical solution. The Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance's problem which will assist him in getting his fertilizer plant operating months earlier than will be the case if he now renews himself and has a complete set of plans and specifications prepared and then asks for bids.

I realize that I am reversing my previous advice but I have given this problem considerable time, thought and some expense to arrive at what I now propose and that is to go back to the original call for bids and proceed from there. This approach will not only be a quicker way to get his fertilizer plant into operation but it will save considerable engineering expense as well. The biggest problem has been to get the right type of engineering firms together who are well known both abroad and domestic who have the engineering talent required to do such a job. I now have rounded up such a group. Final

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KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
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LT HARLAND J CORSON AMERICAN EMBASSY JIDDA

ABOUT TEN DAYS WILL SEND LINEUP COOPERATING ENGINEERS AND

SCOPE SERVICES OFFERED LETTER FOLLOWS

LAMIE



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plans were agreed upon last week in New York and agreements should be signed up this coming Wed. and will be forwarded to you immediately thereafter for delivery to the Minister.

In essence the plan goes back to the original invitation to bid and makes it the basis from which to start, ~~a~~ very simple idea which seems to have been overlooked by several engineering firms and myself. The basic fact is that no matter how it is fuddled around the logical way for them is to contract the job on a cost plus fixed fee basis and this is the heart of the proposal we are making. This proposal will be made by Foley Brothers who are not only financially strong with an eighty year background ~~but have~~ ^{and} an international reputation of the highest standing.

What we are sending is of course only an outline of a proposal but they are prepared at the invitation of the Deputy Minister, to send a team from New York to negotiate a firm contract with him concerning all details. Do you think he will issue such an invitation?

I have never heard from the Deputy Minister in response to my letter offering my services as a consultant. As matters now stand in

The absence of any ~~any~~ word from the Deputy
Minister I have agreed to join the firm of Corky
Associates to head up a Chemical Division. My son
will work with me. However this should not
make too much of a difference if he entertains
Foley Bros proposal. In any event it will
all come out of the same bank roll

This long week-end slows things up
but I am sure it will be on its way by
next week end.

Regards to the family.
Lammie

RALPH D. LAMIE
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT
1509 VAN BUREN STREET, N. W.
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REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEER

May 16, 1954

Mr. Harland J. Corson
American Embassy (USOM/SA)
APO 616 (Box 3)
c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

HC

Dear Jerry:

Was pleased to get your letter of the 9th. Sorry, however, that your appendix kicked up on you. Anyway you should not have any more trouble with it.

In previous letters I have dwelt to a considerable extent on the multiplicity of the engineering skills required to design each of the various units, coordinate them into a completed whole and assure the purchaser that each unit will function properly within its allotted sphere. To do this and leave no loopholes is no small engineering job. Naturally the right kind of a job is going to run into considerable money. Just how much no one can hazard even a reasonable guess at this stage of the development. Much will depend on how much help the vendors of the equipment will give us. I may be able to come up with an educated guess after the scheduled meeting here the last of this week or first of next, but at best it will be only an opinion.

I suggest that you impress on the Deputy Minister that the best money he can spend on the project is in the detailed planning stage. It is far easier to change lines on a drawing while it is being made than to find out later that piping and other process equipment has to be changed after it has been installed. Contractors love engineering mistakes because it allows them to charge extra for correcting them. Hire competent engineers and save money.

When I get this lineup completed we will have the best people in each engineering field.

Regarding negotiations, I realize this is going to be difficult if done purely by correspondence which in my opinion is not feasible. With some assurance from the Deputy Minister, preferably in

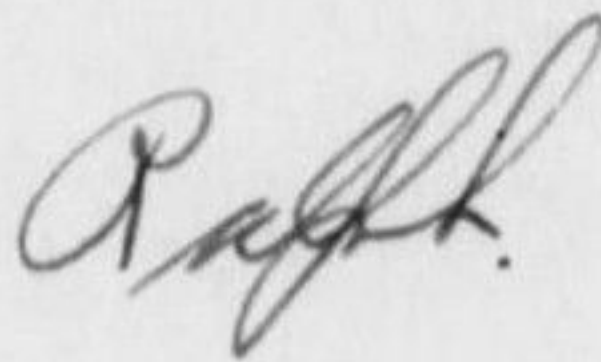
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May 16, 1954

the form of an invitation that he is ready to negotiate we are prepared to send a team over from here to go over the whole project with him and arrive at a contract. I will give you the details as to how we think it should be divided when I send you the lineup mentioned in the cable I am sending you today. Concerning my compensation, it is actually immaterial to me which way I take on the project. Either as their consultant or as consultant to the engineering lineup I am getting together. However, I hope you can get some expression as to his preference direct from him. So far as I am concerned the result will be the same, but it might simplify the financial arrangements if after negotiating the contract for engineering services any further fees be included in the engineering contract. I have an open mind on that. You will be hearing from me again soon.

Best regards to the family and yourself.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ralph", is centered below the typed text.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 9, 1954

Mr. Ralph D. Lamie
1509 Van Buren Street, N. W.
Washington 12, D. C.

Dear Doc:

Your letters dated April 19 and April 25 arrived while I was in the hospital for an appendectomy.

I have not had an opportunity as yet to contact the Deputy Minister of Finance, Shaikh Abdullah Aziz Sulaiman, regarding this matter due to the fact that since I have been out of the hospital, he has been confined to his home with an attack of malaria. I understand that he reported to his office yesterday, and I will try to see him within the next few days to ascertain his reactions to your letter to him dated April 19. I know that the matter is still open and I doubt if any firm offers have been presented for restudying the project and rewriting the specifications. I think I told you previously that based on a re-evaluation of the supply of flare gas and sweet water which might be available over a period of time for this projected fertilizer plant, the maximum annual output has now been established at 200,000 tons instead of 400,000 tons, as was previously contemplated.

In your letter under reply, you ask for my ideas as to what would be a reasonable over-all fee for restudying the project and rewriting the specifications (in a form which could be used in calling for bids). I would say that such a fee could well be about \$50,000 payable 50% in advance, and 50% on turning over to the Ministry the finished work.

It might be well for me to wait until after I have received further word from you regarding your latest contacts before I contact Shaikh Abdul Aziz. So please let me know when you have something concrete in mind.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

HJC

Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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RALPH D. LAMIE
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT
1509 VAN BUREN STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 12, D. C.
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RANDOLPH 6-7157

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEER

April 19, 1954

Mr. Harland J. Corson
American Embassy (USOMISA)
APO 616 (Box 3) c/o PM
New York, New York

Dear Jerry:

At last I have gotten something together for your friend the Shaikh. I hope it is not too late. I have had time consuming bout up in New York but I did not want to go ahead until I had something to fall back on in case they accepted my offer.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter Kidde wrote me some time ago which is only useful as background on themselves in case you are asked about them. They are a very reliable firm and are fully competent to do the necessary working up of plans and specifications even though a lot of different types of engineering are involved.

Ten of them at least as follows: architectural, civil, mechanical, chemical, electrical, power, steam, hydraulic, sanitary and mining with some Medical and Human Welfare thrown in.

I know of no place in the wide world where all of these skills are as easy to contact as in New York City and that is where I propose to have the work done.

If they accept me as a consultant I will arrange to send a competent man over to work up a final contract if required. I doubt if I could come over, the old ticker is not what it used to be.

To start off, all the basic data should be furnished by them which principally means a Civil Engineers map showing details of each area where a plant is to be built including contours, elevations, ground conditions, etc. Aside from that most of the engineering information can be had from the Invitation to Bid which they have already furnished. I can send you a brochure on Kidde if you need it.

Let me know if the thing is still open and if so how my proposition is received and if by chance I am still in the running I'd appreciate your ideas of what I should ask for in the way of compensation keeping in mind that I would have to stay in New York and maintain at least a modest office. Any suggestions will be appreciated.

Regards,

Lamie

Ralph D. Lamie

December 11, 1953

Dr. Ralph D. Lamie, Sr.,
1509 Van Burean Street, N. W.
Washington 12, D. C.

Dear Dr. Lamie:

We very much appreciate the fact that you called to our attention and furnished us with a copy of the Invitation of the Minister of Finance, Jeddah, King of Saudi Arabia, for the establishment of a factory for the manufacture of ammonium sulfate and dry ice. As you know, our company is well qualified by experience to perform both the design and construction of these types of plants, together with the supplemental facilities outlined in the Invitation to Bid. However, it is with considerable regret that we must inform you of our decision not to submit the quotations outlined in the Deputy Assistant Minister's request.

You have asked that I outline to you our reasons for asking to be excused from bidding. Briefly these are as follows:

- (1) The request to bid, particularly as it outlines the facilities to be furnished, is so broadly drawn that no precise quotation could be developed to be closely comparable to other quotations the Deputy Assistant Minister might receive. In the absence of more detailed preliminary plans and specifications, the bids would be so widely divergent, loosely defined and difficult to interpret, that the proper selection of a successful and dependable bidder would undoubtedly be virtually impossible.

In the past we have been most unsuccessful in our efforts to quote similar projects for other foreign governments. This has led to great waste of expense in our efforts to prepare quotations not susceptible to misinterpretation. Usually the work has been awarded to others on a poorly defined basis. We understand that subsequently this has caused unusual difficulties in their subsequent efforts to design and deliver satisfactory plant facilities to the foreign governments involved.

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Dr. R. D. Lamie, Sr.
Washington, D. C.

Our firm has 50 years of good standing and good reputation. We prefer not to risk this reputation in our industry by involving ourselves in poorly defined projects. This is especially true in any dealings involving foreign commitments and in which good faith and complete confidence are so essential.

- (2) The preparation of an appropriate and qualified quotation such as that requested by the Minister of Finance in this instance involves a very substantial investment in engineering, estimating and solicitation of sub-tenders. The cost of preparing such a quotation as the Deputy Assistant Minister requests is in excess of \$10,000. If properly done it would approach more nearly \$50,000.
- (3) Obviously, a firm such as ours even though eminently qualified to perform the work requested, cannot afford to risk this kind of expense without more definite assurance that its ultimate tender will receive more careful attention than our past experience in this type of dealing has indicated. Our association with other engineering and construction firms who have participated in similar bidding arrangements leads us to believe that they too are of this opinion. In consequence many foreign governments fail to reach properly qualified sources of engineering and construction "know-how" in the Continental United States, and sometimes become the victims of profiteers who take advantage of their lack of knowledge.
- (4) Close examination of the Deputy Assistant Minister's request for a bid indicates a wide variety of services to be performed and facilities to be provided. There is no single source of engineering and construction services, or machinery and equipment suppliers best qualified to deliver all the items requested in the Invitation to Bid.

The interest of the Saudi Arabia Government would best be served by utilizing the services of several different firms and corporations. Even though our own firm is properly qualified to design and construct the principal elements, there are others such as pipe lines,

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Dr. R. D. Lamie, Sr.
Washington, D. C.

filtration plants, housing, boiler and electrical power plants, etc. which might better be provided by other firms. Without closer association to the project and to the Minister of Finance, we do not feel justified in approaching others qualified for these services and facilities with a request to join us in a joint proposal.

As a result of these considerations we would prefer not to submit a proposal. As we have expressed to you on previous occasions, it is our opinion that the interests of the Saudi Arabia Government can best be served if they would appoint a trusted consultant or firm of engineers to represent them in this country. It would be the function of this firm to select the American engineering and equipment sources appropriate to well defined objectives of the Saudi Arabia Government. Such a consultant or firm could be responsible for maintaining close liaison with the Saudi Arabia Government and for properly defining its objectives in a manner and in sufficient detail to permit the solicitation of intelligent and comparable tenders from the various qualified sources available in this country.

Under an arrangement of this kind the tender could be broken down so that the problem of submitting a series of tenders would not be too expensive for any one firm. It would seem that the result would be more economical costs and better designed facilities for the Saudi Arabia Government.

We feel that this lack of understanding on the part of governments has been an inadvertent cause of many misunderstandings with foreign governments, and has failed to promote the amicable trade relations in the field of plant design and construction, and has not been productive of the best results which American industry would like to extend to friendly foreign interests.

I have had some opportunities in the past to deal with other foreign governments on the basis outlined above. In each case we have been able to produce successful and satisfactory results on complicated and involved process plants more or less of the type which interests the Saudi Arabia Government in this case. As a consequence we have made it a policy not to submit tenders except (a) we are dealing with an accredited representative of the foreign government involved, or (b) where we are dealing with properly appointed American Engineering consultants or engineering firms of the government involved.

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12/11/53

Dr. R. D. Lamie, Sr.
Washington, D. C.

We do wish you would express to the Minister of Finance our appreciation of the opportunity made available to us to quote on the work involved. I hope that this explanation of our request to be excused from bidding will be understood in the spirit of a sincere desire to represent their best interests.

Very sincerely yours,

A. Kingsley Ferguson,
Vice President
WALTER KIDDE CONSTRUCTORS, INC.

AKF/a

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RALPH D. LAMIE
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT
1509 VAN BUREN STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 12, D. C.

RANDOLPH 6-7157

Apr. 25 1954.

REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEER

Dear Jerry:- I presume that you have my letter of the 19th with copy of the letter I wrote Shaikh Sulaiman offering my services which I hope he gets before any final decision is made. In the meantime however a new development has come up that I believe will be more advantageous all around. This new development is still in the "talking" stage but I expect to have the details worked out during the week and I will write you the details then. In this case I am dealing directly with a member of the firm and they are really anxious to go into foreign work. As for the present, if you have not already done so, hold off on mentioning the Kidde firm except possibly as an example of an American engineering firm.

I dislike to switch signals on you and particularly the Shaikh but I am not too pleased with the feet dragging of last month. More later.
Doc.

April 19, 1954

Shaikh Abdul Aziz Sulaiman
Assistant Deputy Minister of Finance
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Honorable Sir:

Our good friend Harland J. Corson of the American Embassy was kind enough to send me a copy of the Call for Bids entitled Fertilizer Factory Saudi Arabia some months ago. Upon receipt of it I submitted it to Walter Kidde Constructors, Inc. of New York, New York, a firm of engineers with whom I work closely on engineering matters involving such a wide diversity of engineering know-how as your development presents.

As was expected, they pointed out that the invitation lacked the necessary details in the form of prints and specifications upon which to base an estimated cost of any part of the combined facilities. I quote the following from their letter declining to bid:

"The request to bid particularly as it outlines the facilities to be furnished, is so broadly drawn that no precise quotation could be developed to be closely comparable to other quotations the Deputy Assistant Minister might receive. In the absence of more detailed preliminary plans and specifications, the bids would be so widely divergent, loosely defined and difficult to interpret that the proper selection of a successful and dependable bidder would undoubtedly be virtually impossible."

I now understand that you desire to have a complete set of plans and specifications prepared to be included in a future Invitation to Bid.

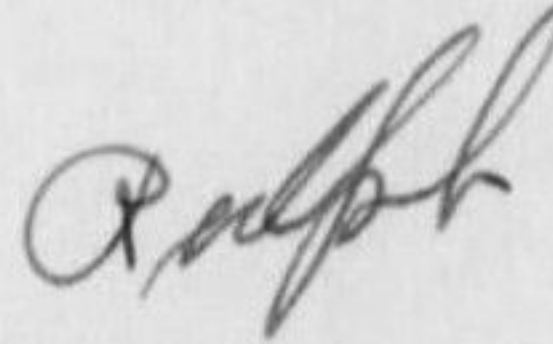
Since there is no single source of engineering and construction services or machinery and equipment suppliers best qualified to deliver all the items included in the Invitation to Bid, it is my opinion that the interests of the Saudi Arabia Government would best be served if they will appoint a trustworthy consultant and, or a firm of qualified engineers such as the Walter Kidde Constructors, Inc. to represent them in this country who would prepare a complete, detailed set of plans and specifications covering the scope set forth in the previous Invitation to Bid or any modification of it.

My services as a Chemical Engineering Consultant are available on the usual consulting basis of a retainer fee, per diem compensation and office overhead. The exact terms for this service to be negotiated. My duties will principally consist of representing your Government in negotiating contracts with competent, recognized engineering firms fully qualified to prepare a complete set of plans and specifications for all of the diverse elements described in the Invitation to Bid or its subsequent revision and to generally co-ordinate, supervise the progress of the engineers and check the specifications for any discrepancies or omissions which might be confusing as to their meaning. Also to generally act as liaison between your Government and the contractors.

Because of the wide scope of the project and the impossibility of determining beforehand the number of drawings to be made and the time required to write up the complete set of specifications, I believe the best interests of the Saudi Arabia Government

relative to the cost of this vital part of the engineering services can best be met by by following the United States Government practice in such cases. This is to let the contract for the engineering and architectural services required on a fixed fee basis. In this form of contract the Government pays for time and materials, plus office expense and overhead as billed to them at stated intervals. A lump sum fee representing the engineering profit is agreed upon beforehand and becomes a part of the contract. In this way the contractor has no incentive to prolong the actual necessary working time as might be done on a cost plus a percentage basis.

I respectfully submit my services for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ralph D. Lamie'.

Ralph D. Lamie

Reli Corson
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TELEGRAM RECEIVED

FROM:

CAIRO

DATE:

APRIL 201452Z, 1954

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APRIL 210949Z, 1954

For Corson from Elmore.

Priority 49 as received not clear. Please repeat or clarify particularly as to place and time of anticipated action reference project agreements.

STEVENS

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TO: ~~AMBASSY~~, Cairo

DATE: April 15, 1954

For Frank Elmore from Corson

Expect to be called Tuesday next Riyadh to discuss and sign project agreements to be concluded there. Your assistance would be most valuable.

Advise if you can accompany me.

WADSWORTH

HJCorson:o

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 14, 1954

Mr. Harold R. Stevens, Director
USA Operations Mission to Egypt
American Embassy
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Mr. Stevens:

This has reference to your letter of March 24 addressed to Mr. Corson relative to setting up a group in Egypt to review and publish FAO and FOA publications in the Arabic language. This letter arrived just as Mr. Corson was leaving for Riyadh, and not knowing how long he would be away, he requested that I reply to your communication.

Appropriate publications in the native language should be of much value and I think this should be done by the Missions whenever it can be justified. A cooperative undertaking with FAO should be desirable provided each agency bears its proportionate part of all costs on the basis of total volume of matter published. Also, possibly some thought should be given by each Mission to having such publications printed in local plants, particularly where costs are reasonable.

A very modern publishing establishment has been built recently here in Jidda. It is equipped to print in both Arabic and English. We have been giving some thought to encouraging the various Ministries to budget funds for publications to be used in the various education and extension type programs. It is my opinion that we should pursue efforts in this manner for the present. However, we should be glad to know the reaction you obtained when sounding out FOA/W.

Your letter regarding this matter is appreciated, and Mr. Corson may wish to write you further upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Edens
Chief, Agriculture Division

WJEdens:o

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 12, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FROM: Chief, Public Administration Division

SUBJECT: Comments of Director of Chamber of Commerce,
Jidda, with regard to Trade Delegations

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Last Thursday, as you know, Mr. George and I visited Sayed Mohammed Hassan Awad, Director of the Chamber of Commerce for Jidda. His comments with respect to recent trade delegations may be of some interest to you. Within the last few months both Great Britain and Egypt have sent trade delegations to this area. He expressed the desire that the United States send a delegation here as there are many things that are needed and the merchants would prefer to buy from the U.S. However, they have difficulty in ordering by correct specifications and lack recognized dealer addresses. He said that relations of Saudi Arabia with the United States are friendly because there are no suspicions of imperialistic aims, but with some countries "precautions are taken."

SayedAwad said that "Japan did not consider sending a trade delegation until learning that relations were strained because of failure to do so."

Daghastary Hassan, Director of the Chamber of Commerce for Mecca, whom we met on the following day, concurred with Sayed Awad as to Saudi Arabian interest in a trade delegation from the U.S. Also with regard to the Japan comment, he inferred that the Chambers of Commerce were not in agreement with the Government of Saudi Arabia in its "ban on imports from Japan."

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 18, 1954

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Div.
Near East, South Asia & Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I am enclosing Form FOA-583 in quadruplicate to cover the approved training grant for Mr. Daghestany. We will try to keep these forms current with approvals; however, it will be some time before we can complete forms to cover prior approvals.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

Encl - Form FOA-583 in
quadruplicate

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 13, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sadek Hussein, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

SUBJECT: Country Clearance for Mr. Joe Leonard

We shall appreciate it if you will arrange for country clearance for Mr. Joe Leonard as Extension Specialist (Irrigated Farming) in our Agriculture Division.

Mr. Leonard is 40 years old and a graduate of Montana State College in 1942. He did farm labor on a livestock and wheat ranch at Denton, Montana from 1932 until he entered college in 1937. Since college, he did county agent work in Montana, principally at Whitehall, until May, 1945, when he became a Soil Conservationist with SCS at Roundup.

If country clearance is granted, we expect Mr. Leonard the latter part of April.

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Mr. Corson

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 7, 1954

CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I am attaching hereto copy of a letter which Dr. Robert Dolley, Chief of our Education Division, has prepared and handed to me covering an incident which occurred during his recent trip to Riyadh, accompanied by our Liaison Officer, Sadek Hussein, at the invitation of Prince Talal, Minister of Communications (who is attending the meeting of the Council of Ministers now being held at Riyadh).

Of course, I immediately delivered a copy of Dr. Dolley's letter to Ambassador Wadsworth. It is quite apparent that the views expressed by Prince Talal regarding our Government are only "loose talk" since neither the Ambassador nor we learned of any complimentary references to Point IV having been aired for some time by other high Government officials. In fact, remarks which have come to our attention from such sources have been very complimentary.

Ambassador Wadsworth has sent two cables to State -- Nos. 420 dated April 4th and 423 dated April 6th -- covering the political situation here and in which reference is made to Dr. Dolley's letter. I suggest that you contact State (possibly Pete Hart) for complete enlightenment on this situation.

I have just been invited to Riyadh to discuss Point IV programs/projects. Immediately upon my return I shall send you a report covering the discussions held and attitudes shown by the Saudi officials with whom I will have been in contact.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Cy. Dr. Dolley's ltr
dated March 28, 1954

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FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION

Washington 25, D.C.



March 30, 1954

Mr. Harland J. Carson
Director
U. S. Operations Mission
c/o American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Carson:

There are attached for your information briefing papers for the O/NEA programs. These papers were prepared and submitted to Governor Stassen for his information and guidance, in connection with the forthcoming Congressional Hearings.

Sincerely yours,

Norman Paul

Norman Paul

Regional Director

Office of Near East, South Asia
and Africa Operations

4/10/54
Copies circulated
to all division
+ the Admin + Exec.
Dir of USOM.



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
~~TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION~~
OPERATIONS MISSION TO EGYPT

AMERICAN EMBASSY

OFFICIAL INFORMAL
UNCLASSIFIED

Cairo, Egypt, March 19, 1954

Dear Jerry:

On my return to Cairo from Tripoli, March 16, I found your letters of March 3 and 10 with enclosures.

I sent you the following cable today:

"LATE RETURN FROM TRIPOLI PREVENTS TIMELY MAIL REPLY TO YOUR LETTER MARCH 10 RE WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. SUGGEST SUBSTITUTION OF WORD 'DEPARTMENT' FOR WORD 'SERVICE' THROUGHOUT TO CONFORM TO ARABIC LANGUAGE DEFINITION. BECAUSE WE MAY NOT OBLIGATE BEYOND FY'54 ARTICLE V PARAGRAPH 1 SHOULD COMMENCE WITH THIS LANGUAGE 'FOR THE PERIOD FROM THE DATE OF ENTRY INTO FORCE OF THIS AGREEMENT THROUGH JUNE 30, 1954, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USA SHALL CONTRIBUTE ETC' AND BLANK IN ARTICLE X SHOULD CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING 'JUNE 30, 1954'."

FOA/W has not supplied me with any instructions as to the form or content of project agreements under grants of special economic aid and I am unable to measure the draft which you sent against any standard or precedent. However, with the exceptions which appear in the cable, the draft seems to be satisfactory.

Many thanks for mailing the films for me. The slides which I took on my recent visit have been returned. Some of the pictures are good, but I was disappointed to find that the pictures of the tiger shark which we encountered in the Red Sea did not show the shark but only its spots on the water. What was needed for a good picture was a polaroid filter.

I am glad to know the Ambassador received the calcium chloride. I had the pleasure of meeting his son-in-law, who is a member of the staff of the Legation, while I was in Tripoli.

Please keep me informed of your progress on the several agreements which are pending and call on me for assistance if needed.

With very best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director
USAOM/S.A.,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

Frank H. Elmore, Jr.
Legal Counsel for the Arab States

Because of telegram I am not sending this by regular mail.

TELEGRAM

Foreign Service of the
United States of America

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Date: March 18, 1954 1749Z
Control: USOM 11
Recd: March 19, 0921Z

FROM: CAIRO

For Corson from Elmore.

Late return from Tripoli prevents timely mail reply to your letter March 10 regarding water development project. Suggest substitution of word "Department" for word "service" throughout to conform to Arabic language definition. Because we may not obligate beyond FY 54 Article 5 paragraph 1 should commence with this language "for the period from the date of entry into force of this agreement through June 30, 1954, the Government of the USA shall contribute etc." and blank in Article 10 should contain the following "June 30, 1954".

STEVENS

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

May 8, 1954

Mr. Henry Wiens, Director
USA Operations Mission to Iraq
American Embassy
Baghdad, Iraq

Dear Henry:

Thank you for your letter dated April 12 which arrived while I was in the hospital for an appendectomy.

Instead of using the services of either Mr. Kelcey or Mr. McDonald, we have decided to call upon FOA/W for an engineer on a detail basis. We will review with him the several construction projects which are under consideration and if it is decided to go ahead with them when covering agreements are signed, such engineer can then do the necessary survey work and prepare specifications and invitations for bids covering the actual construction work.

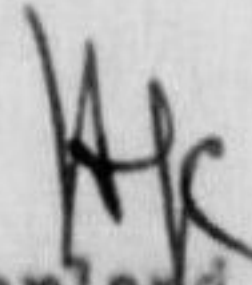
During the last month, we reactivated our Public Administration Division with the arrival here of the chief, statistical specialist, and business law specialist. The fellow whom Washington had lined up as customs and tariff specialist turned the job down at the last minute, for reasons of which we are unaware. I am wondering what the possibility would be of your letting Bob Kennedy come down here for several weeks (before it gets too hot), to give the chief of our PA Division his evaluation of the tariffs and customs situation here, what should be done, and what would be the best way to go about accomplishing it. If it would not be convenient for you to let Kennedy come, please do not hesitate to say so as we realize that he has plenty to do there.

Believe it or not, we still do not have our TA project agreements for FY '54 signed as yet, nor do we have our economic aid agreement signed. The Council of Ministers have been in session in Riyadh for over two months and only last week they signed the first section of the budget (Government operations), after which the Council took a recess and have just recently reassembled. Since the second section of the budget pertains to development projects, it is expected that the Council is now studying our proposed project agreements and that we will shortly receive word as to the Council's wishes regarding such projects. This is certainly a land of frustration, especially when one can see so much to be done, have on hand what is necessary to do it, and yet find such lack of response to do it on the part of the host government.

How are you getting along with your projects? Do you have all of your FY '54 agreements signed and under implementation? I understand that Jordan still does not have either its TA or SEA agreements signed, also that Lebanon only recently got its TA agreement signed but still no action has been taken on its SEA agreement.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Report, Admittance

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OPERATIONS MISSION TO IRAQ
POINT 4



American Embassy,
Baghdad, Iraq,
April 12, 1954.

Ans 5/8
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Mr. H. J. Corson,
Mission Director in
Saudi Arabia.

Dear Harland,

We received your wire indicating that since Edwards, Kelcey and Beck, engineering firm was not interested in business in Saudi Arabia you did not feel that they needed to come to Jidda on consultation. I hope that my suggestion in the cable that you issue invitational travel orders for McDonald did not influence your decision. Actually, Edwards, Kelcey and Beck is prepared to render you consulting services on a courtesy basis and to pay for the trip themselves. They have a nice contract with our mission and are willing to do this for one of our sister missions. McDonald told me today that if he could be of any service by correspondence he would also be happy to render it. He thought that, for instance, you might desire some information on setting up a highway laboratory which had been mentioned. They could furnish you with the necessary equipment lists but he emphasized that he felt this would be of relatively little value unless you had someone experienced to operate it.

I hope you will feel free to call on McDonald either at your own expense or at his expense, and I assure you that you will get good consulting services from him.

With best personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Henry
Henry Wiens
Director

4-25-54
Lead to Mr. Corson
at the hospital
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Mr. Corson

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 11, 1954

Dear Mr. Jago:

Ambassador Wadsworth has under consideration my status here. He tells me that during the recent visit here of his daughter, Mrs. Harris, in the course of an informal intramural discussion of relative precedents of the USAOM and Embassy officers, she recalled, in substance, that a recent memorandum from the State Department had been received by the Legation in Tripoli in which there was inter alia a definitive ruling as to your status which, in effect, placed you "with and after military attaches".

Personally, I am a rank novice in these matters, but as the Ambassador has asked me to do so, I am writing you to ask you to send us a copy of this ruling in your case, at the same time with any pertinent comments which may suggest itself to you.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Harland J. Corson
Director

USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

Mr. John W. Jago, Director
USA Operations Mission to Libya
Tripoli, Libya

American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia,
April 10, 1954.

Dear Mr. Jago:

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Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson

Mr. Jago, Director,
U.S.A.O.M.,
Tripoli, Libya

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 11, 1954

Sayed Mohammed Hassan Awad, Director
Chamber of Commerce
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Sayed Awad:

Mr. Lawrence Smith, Chief, Division of Public Administration, and his assistant in Statistics, Mr. William George, have informed me of your kindness and courtesy last Thursday when you received them in your office.

I am sending you the list of our personnel which you requested from Mr. Smith. You will find that the titles reflect the nature of the work which our Mission is performing for the Government of Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Smith informs me that the new Ministry of Commerce is now in process of organization. He also indicated that you asked if he would be available for consultation on organization matters as this work proceeds. You are informed that Mr. Smith is in Saudi Arabia in the hope that he may be useful to the good men of your Government to the extent that they request his presence in such matters and find him useful.

It was a thoughtful act on your part to include mention of the Public Administration Division in the Chamber of Commerce publication. We look forward with pleasure to the copies which will be sent us.

It is my hope that before long I may have the pleasure of your acquaintance.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

Enclosure

LWSmith:o

Dr Corson

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 11, 1954

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

This refers to my recent conversation with you relative to packages consigned to employees of this Mission which are detained in Customs at Dhahran.

A check has been made amongst all employees of this Mission to ascertain the approximate number of packages which are considered to be detained. Following is the result of such check:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of Packages</u>
J. M. Butler	2
Rolf Skrinde	1
Blanche L. Oakes	1
R. D. Dolley	8 to 10
Gus Goudarzi	1
Glen Brown	3 or 4
H. J. Corson	5 or 6
W. J. Edens	1
Roy Jackson	2 or 3

If you agree, I suggest that the Embassy pass the above information on to General Grover at Dhahran with the request that one of his postal clerks check the packages being held by Customs at Dhahran to ascertain if any of them correspond to the above employees.

I am attaching a current list of the personnel of this Mission, which might be forwarded at the same time to General Grover in the event there are packages detained which correspond to employees other than those listed above.

The employees of this Mission will assume responsibility for damages or losses which might occur in the opening of any of such packages for inspection provided this is done in the presence of the above-mentioned postal clerk.

Enclosure - Roster

Sincerely yours,

Ambassador George Wadsworth,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 11, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Harland J. Corson
Director

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Packages

The following list of packages mailed some time in January or February have not been received to date.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>NO. OF PACKAGE</u>
Butler	2
Skrinde	1 Sears
Oakes	1 Sears
Dolley	8 to 10
Goudarzi	1
Brown	3 or 4
Corson	5 or 6
Edens	1
Jackson	2 or 3

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 11, 1954

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With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

Mr. John W. Jago, Director
USA Operations Mission to Libya
Tripoli, Libya

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UNITED STATES TECHNICAL COOPERATION SERVICE FOR JORDAN

POINT IV

خدمات المتعاون الفني الامير كبة للاردن
النفطة الرابعة

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES DIRECTOR
AMMAN, JORDAN

مكتب المدير الاميركي
عمان - الاردن

April 10, 1954

Dear Harland:

It was certainly kind of you to extend an invitation to Mrs. Welling and me to come to Saudi to visit with you and to see your program operations. When I wrote back I had high hopes that the work load here and other factors would permit us to accept the invitation.

It appears certain now that our departure time on May 16 is too close to permit any such possibility, and further I have official notice from Governor Stassen terminating my services as Country Director. The Governor was more than generous in his expressions of appreciation for our effort here and the beach-head we have established.

I can assure you that I have a very great respect for Governor Stassen and for the very effective and successful manner in which he is demonstrating commanding leadership throughout the world and particularly with respect to his administration of FOA.

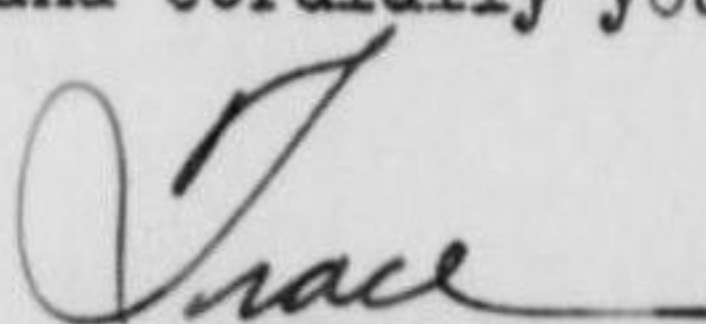
This has been an unusually interesting and profitable experience for us, and it has paid us richly in the dividends of satisfaction, experience, and friendship.

I regret sincerely that I will not have a further opportunity to work closely with you in the Operations Mission Program, and particularly regret that the situation does not permit us to pay you a personal visit in Saudi.

I have every confidence in the success of the Foreign Operations Administration in advancing the best interests of the United States Government abroad, and I want to extend my sincere best wishes to you and the other Country Directors in the field who have the tremendously important task of being on the firing line.

Sincere best wishes to you, Mrs. Corson, and your staff.

Sincerely and cordially yours,



Tracy R. Welling
Director, United States of America
Operations Mission to Jordan

4-25-54
lead to Mr. Corson
at Edress Hospital
Mr. Harland J. Corson,
Director,

USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia,
Jidde, Saudi Arabia

Director

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 7, 1954

Mr. Youssef Elsayed
USA Operations Mission to Egypt
American Embassy
Cairo, Egypt

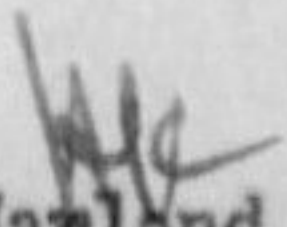
Dear Mr. Elsayed:

I was glad to receive your letter dated March 18 and would like to take advantage of this opportunity to thank both you and your wife for the courtesies and hospitality shown me during my recent visit to Cairo.

Regarding the possibility of my locating somebody here who might be interested in investing money in the Egyptian companies mentioned in your letter under reply, I have discussed this matter with those here whom I thought might be interested but found little or no interest, principally due to the fact that opportunities for investment right here in Jidda are very good, particularly at this time, real estate and construction work being the most lucrative. If, however, I do find someone who is interested in investing in Egypt, I will certainly put him in touch with you.

Both Dr. Dolley and I send our best regards to you and your wife. I hope that we will have the pleasure of seeing you again before too long, either here or there.

Sincerely yours,


Harland J. Corson
Director

USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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March 18, 1954

Mr. Harland J. Corson
Director USAOM
c/o American Embassy
Jeddah.

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Dear Mr. Corson:

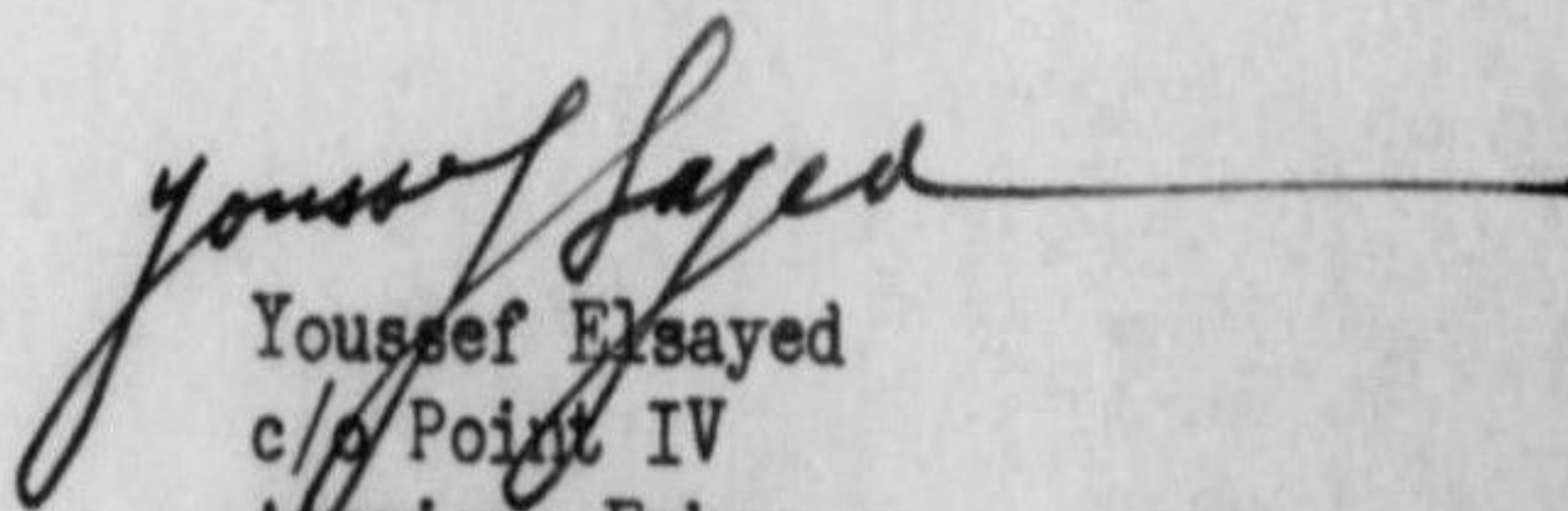
I sincerely hope that you returned in the best of health and that you have fully enjoyed your trip to Cairo. I'll be too glad to hear from you on this subject.

During your last visit it escaped me to discuss with you a matter which is of great concern to me and in which you can give available advice and a helping hand. Briefly a close friend of mine, an important Egyptian personality and an Ex-Ambassador is actually Chairman of the Board of several important Egyptian Companies. This gentleman is interested in securing the investment of foreign capitals to 2 of the said companies, preference given to contributions with hard currencies. You were the first of whom I thought, as being the person who could effectively assist me in this matter. I wonder whether it is possible for you, if this is not too much asking, to contact some of the well off Seoudians who might be interested in such investments which will definitely yield substantial profits.

Should you find your way in attracting the interest of people by you, I'll be glad to furnish all details relative to the firms, their lines of business, assets, etc.

Trusting to hear soon from you.

Yours faithfully,


Youssef Elsayed
c/o Point IV
American Embassy
Cairo, Egypt.

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 7, 1954

Mr. Tracy R. Welling, Director
USA Operations Mission to Jordan
Amman, Jordan

Dear Tracy:

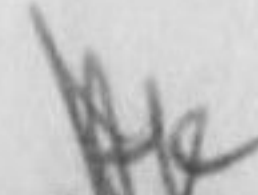
I was very glad to receive your letter dated February 25 and to know that the possibilities are excellent for you and Mrs. Welling to visit us here as soon as pressure of work there will permit.

As matters stand now, I would suggest that your visit here be postponed until next fall. Within another month or so, the hot season will have begun and to get around in such heat is anything but pleasant. Furthermore, we expect to have all of our technical assistance and special economic aid projects approved during the next two weeks by the Council of Ministers now meeting at Riyadh. This means that with about half of our authorized complement of personnel, we will have to get all our project agreements executed and funds obligated in only two months' time. This, of course, is going to create a terrific work pressure. By fall we should have some of our projects well enough advanced so that you could get a good idea as to what we are doing and how we are going about it.

Of course, both Mrs. Corson and I are most anxious to visit you so that I can see the excellent work you are doing there and so that she and I can have an opportunity to visit some of the historic spots in Jordan. For the same reasons given above, I am afraid an early visit to Amman is out of the question. They say that "patience is a virtue" and I am trying hard to be virtuous, but find it very difficult. We first encountered such a long delay in getting our '54 budget approved and covering funds allotted, and now we are undergoing a similar delay awaiting approval of the Saudi budget and funds allotted for development projects.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,


Harland J. Corson
Director

USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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UNITED STATES TECHNICAL COOPERATION SERVICE FOR JORDAN

POINT IV

خدمات المتعاون الفني الامير كبة للاردن
النفطة الرابعة

OFFICE OF UNITED STATES DIRECTOR
AMMAN, JORDAN

مكتب المدير الاميركي
عمان - الاردن

February 25, 1954

Dear Harland:

It was certainly a pleasure to meet you at Istanbul, and to hear the good reports from your operations in Saudi. All signs indicate the fact that you are rapidly bringing the programs up to very satisfactory standards and that you are also building a very efficient organization. Knowing full well the time, effort, and skill required for such an achievement, I should like to congratulate you most sincerely.

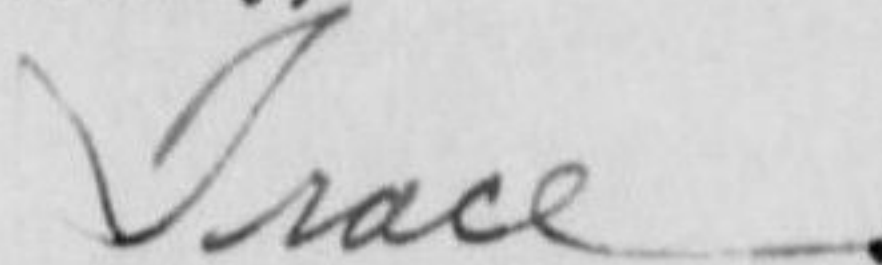
Your good letter of February 8 is also a very welcome one and it would be a pleasure to visit your Mission and see your project activities.

I have discussed the matter with the Ambassador here and he is in complete agreement that I shall avail myself of your gracious invitation -- my only qualification to immediate acceptance is the terrific schedule here and my ability to schedule the trip between super-rushes.

This letter, therefore, is to thank you for the invitation and to tell you that I am attempting to develop favorable plans. Just as early as I can see the open dates, if at all, I shall write you as you suggest to see if apartments are available. It will be a pleasure I can assure you, and I hope that within a short time I can have something more detailed spelled out.

You know also that it would be a pleasure to have you and Mrs. Corson visit us here in Jordan. We have a fairly successful program in operation and would welcome an opportunity to show you a few things we have undertaken. It would be a pleasure I can assure you also to have you see some of the historic spots while here.

Sincerely,



Tracy R. Welling
Director, United States of America
Operations Mission to Jordan

Mr. Harland J. Corson,
Director,
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia



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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 7, 1954

Mr. Hugh D. Farley, Director
USA Operations Mission to Lebanon
American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Hugh:

I was glad to note from your letter dated March 5 that you found our Monthly Program Summaries of interest, as we certainly do of your Program Summaries. I think the idea of distributing these summaries amongst the respective missions of the region is an excellent one as it provides an opportunity for each Mission to not only know what the others are doing, but also how they are doing it. I know that we find the monthly summaries from other missions of considerable help to us.

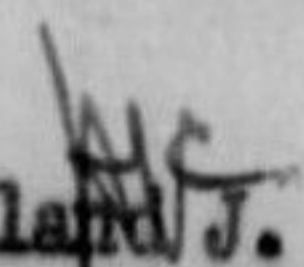
I was very glad to have had the opportunity during my recent visit to Beirut to visit with you and also Mrs. Farley. I hope the next time we meet it will be possible for us to review our respective operations and to exchange views on local situations, the implementation of programs and projects, etc. I realize that the last time we met there was little time for such discussions, as we all had pressing matters to take up with Norman Paul.

Reports have circulated here lately to the effect that student riots have been frequent in Beirut against the Point IV program. Is this so, and if so, can you tell me what is back of such movements?

We are still held up here with both our '54 TA and SEA programs/projects due to the fact that the meeting of the Council of Ministers, which started March 6th, is still going strong and probably will not be over until the third or maybe the fourth week of this month. By decree here all projects or obligating agreements must be submitted to and approved by the Council of Ministers before execution by the respective Minister. Until such time as the over-all budget with its respective breakdown has been approved, we are completely stymied. This means that even though we have only about half of our authorized complement of personnel, we will have to negotiate all of our TA and SEA agreements and get all of our funds obligated in about two months' time. How we can do it I do not know, but we will do the best we can. We have some very interesting projects worked up and of course are very anxious to get them under way.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Farley, I remain,

Sincerely yours,


Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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OPERATIONS MISSION TO LEBANON



Point 4

Beirut, Lebanon
March 5, 1954

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Mr. Harland J. Corson, Director
U. S. Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Jerry:

Your note of February 13 has been received with its attached copy of your January Program Summary.

I found it personally very interesting to read and I am sure the others on our Staff will likewise.

I understand you are already on the distribution list for our monthly summaries, so we will simply continue past practice.

It was very pleasant to see you again, although my newness at the post and the requirements of taking care of Norman Paul gave me too little opportunity to sit down and compare notes with you. Next time we will have more leisure.

Yours,

Hugh D. Farley
Director

U. S. Operations Mission
to Lebanon

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

March 29, 1954

PERSONAL

Mr. Paul F. Taggart
Chief, Iraq-Saudi Arabia-Lebanon-Syria Division
Near East, South Asia & Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Paul:

I was delighted to note from your letter dated February 26th (recently received here) that you are working hard on getting a trip to this part of the world. Nothing would please me more, and I am sure that all the staff here joins me in this, than to have you visit with us so that you can see first-hand what conditions are here, "where we are trying to go" and "how we plan to get there." Such a visit would be most helpful to us as well as to you.

Since you mentioned that there is a question as to whether or not FOA/W has funds available for such a trip, I asked Thel if there was any way that such a trip could be financed by this Mission, but was told that that is out of the question.

Please keep plugging for your trip and keep me posted as to the success you are having. I wish we could count on your being here with us prior to the hot season and the Hajj.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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TO: AmEmbassy, Baghdad

DATE: April 6, 1954

For Wiens from Corson

As firm not interested in business here disregard my cable

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Date: April 3, 1954
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FROM: BAGHDAD

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For Corson.

Kelcey has left but McDonald prepared visit Jidda within week or ten days. Hence their firm not interested in business there, you may consider it appropriate issue invitational travel orders, but firm willing finance trip on courtesy basis if you desire. If you can specify type projects, McDonald could probably bring along certain useful data.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

March 30, 1954

Mr. Cedric H. Seager
Acting Regional Director
Near East, South Asia & Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Cedric:

I have just received your letter dated March 11. I wish to inform you that arrangements have already been made with Sadek Hussein to participate in the meetings and trips while the three-man team of experts on water spreading and range management is with us here. We did not know that Mr. Hussein worked with Messrs. Aamodt, Larson and Ayers but, of course, we did know that his primary interest while in the States was that of water spreading and range management and, consequently, we wanted to have the advantage of his experience and knowledge applied here while the above-mentioned gentlemen are in Saudi Arabia.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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DATE: March 29, 1954

TO: AmEmbassy, Iraq

FOR: Wiens, Director

FROM: Corson

Referring conversation Taggart with Kelcey regarding side trip Jidda, I would like discuss several projects with Kelcey or MacDonald if convenient either come to Jidda soon. Advise.

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DATE: March 28, 1954

Ambassy, Cairo

For Elmore from Corson.

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USON 11. Since meeting Council Ministers will not be over for several weeks, shall appreciate your detailed comments our draft water development agreement by regular airmail.

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Jidda

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March 28, 1954

Mr. Michael Guido
Audio Visual Officer
Audio Visual Service
American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Mr. Guido:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 3 along with the information about the places where we can purchase moving picture film. The question has come up in considering the outright purchase of film as to whether it can be sent to us on consignment for review prior to purchase, the thought being that possibly after reviewing the film it might be found that it does not particularly suit our needs. In asking this question, no one seemed to be able to give a positive answer and I am wondering if you would be kind enough to give me your observations on the subject.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

March 28, 1954

Mr. Franklin T. Mathewson, Director
USOM/NEA-RAVS
c/o American Embassy
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Mr. Mathewson:

Thank you very much for your letter of March 9. I am sorry that your message advising us of the change in schedule reached us so late that we were not able to capitalize on the extension of time. We should like very much to have sent someone to this institute. A combination of circumstances, however, has precluded our being able to do so. In the event that another one is held later on, we may be in a position to take advantage of it.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

March 23, 1954

Colonel A. D. Chaffin, Jr.
District Engineer, Middle East District
Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army
134 Sciara Esseidi
Tripoli, Libya

Dear Colonel Chaffin:

This is to acknowledge receipt and to thank you for your letter of February 24th which has just come to my attention due to the fact that I have been away on a field trip for the past fifteen days.

We shall await with interest the test data and other information referred to in your letter.

Thanking you for your continued kindness in this matter, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

March 10, 1954

Mr. Frank H. Elmore, Jr.
FOA Legal Counsel for the Arab States
USA Operations Mission to Egypt
American Embassy
Cairo, Egypt

Dear Frank:

I am leaving early tomorrow morning on a trip down to the Asir area of Saudi Arabia, but before leaving I want to send you enclosed two copies of a draft of the Water Development Project Agreement under special economic aid so that you can let me have your comments as soon as possible. I am sending this regular airmail rather than through the pouch in order to save time, and would appreciate your return one copy, together with your comments thereon, also by regular airmail. I expect to be back in Jidda on March 20th, at which time it is expected that the Ministers will have returned from Riyadh where they are attending a meeting of the Council of Ministers, and we can then start getting our FY-54 TA and Special Economic Aid agreements executed.

I might mention that I have not had time to study over the attached draft, so please feel free to make any suggested changes which you feel should be embodied therein.

The Ambassador just received the package of calcium chloride which you sent him and he said that he would write you a letter of thanks, but wanted me to tell you also how much he appreciates your kindness. He is going to try it out on one of his sand "greens" and I will let you know later how it works since, if it does, I may be sending you an order for a quantity sufficient to take care of six greens of his course, with check attached to cover the cost and shipping charges.

With kindest personal regards to you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Draft Agreement,
as above

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
~~TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION~~
USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

March 4, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Sadek Hussein, Director
Liaison Office for Technical Assistance

FROM: Mr. Harland J. Corson
Director

Will you please secure for this Mission one copy of "Foreign Trade Statistics", prepared by the Saudi Arabian Kingdom, Ministry of Finance, Customs Department, for Arabic years 1367-1368, Western years 1948-1949, printed in Mecca, 1372.

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American Consulate General
Dhahran, Saudi Arabia
March 3, 1954

Harland J. Corson, Esquire
Director, USA Operations Mission to
Saudi Arabia
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Jerry:

We appreciate very much the hospitable invitation contained in your letter of February 8. Rhoda and I would indeed enjoy seeing how the other side of Arabia lives and hope very much that we will be able to come over while the weather is still pleasant. I doubt that we can leave Dhahran until the new Consul General arrives. We expect him here some time between March 20 and the end of the month. Perhaps he will agree to our making a short trip to Jidda during April. I shall certainly let you know what the possibilities are as soon as I have had a chance to talk with him.

We enjoyed very much our chats with you while you were here with the Ambassador and look forward to meeting your wife and hearing all the details of the visit of the Duxbury Bay to Jidda.

Your men over here certainly carry out their instructions well, so far as I am concerned, since they go about their business with only a minimum of assistance from us. My old apprehensions that the Consulate General would not be able to support your people adequately in this area have entirely disappeared. Unless I am grossly uninformed, everybody is satisfied with the procedures and methods of cooperation which have been worked out here. It is certainly my desire and intention to do everything we can to continue this situation.

Sincerely yours,

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American Consul

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March 3, 1954

Dear Frank:

Your letter of February 18 arrived here only a few days ago. Apparently from ten days to two weeks is necessary for mail to reach us from Cairo.

I am attaching for your files copy of a Letter Agreement we have just executed with the Ministry of Health pertaining to the Maternal and Child Health Center being established here in Jidda. I think the contents are self-explanatory. However, should there be any questions which you would like to raise, please do not hesitate to let us know.

The building selected for this Center is being rented today, I understand. It is quite ample and will serve the purposes of the Center very nicely.

I certainly appreciated the hospitality shown to me by Mrs. Elmore and yourself, and was very pleased to have had the opportunity of seeing you both again. I have mailed the films you gave me and they are now on their way to the States.

If there is anything we can do for you or others of your Mission there, please let us know.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Letter Agreement,
as above

Mr. Frank H. Elmore
Legal Counsel for the Arab States
USA Operations Mission to Egypt
American Embassy
Cairo, Egypt

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DATE: Feb. 23, 1954

Ambassy, Cairo

For Elmore from Corson.

Urlet February 11 just arrived. Will be in Beirut 24th to 27th,
in Cairo 27th to 2d. Would welcome your attendance meeting Beirut
if possible.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

February 21, 1954

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Dear Paul:

I refer to the second paragraph of my letter to you dated December 31st last relative to Dr. Glen Brown.

Dr. Brown continues to give me and this Mission his full and wholehearted support and cooperation, and I have not as yet observed any indication in his work or in our discussions pointing to the fact that he is planning on "winding up" USGS operations in this country. He is, of course, quite disturbed over the fact that efforts are being made by FOA/W to have technicians recruited by tech agencies transferred to FOA payrolls. Recently Brown received a memorandum from USGS/W covering relations with FOA; also another memorandum from the "Director" regarding the Survey's attitude toward USGS technicians being transferred to the FOA payroll. He replied to Bill Johnston as follows: "All of us here, with the possible exception of Mr. Bogue who is in the field and cannot be reached, will return for domestic work in preference to transfer to FOA with all their administrative uncertainties and inadequacies. We are trying to wind up our work here in a workmanlike manner and as expeditiously as possible." (The date of this communication was February 15, 1954.)

A few days after Dr. Brown's above quoted communication to USGS, I received a copy of a letter which George Schoechle of USGS wrote to Brown, in which the following statements are made after saying that USGS and FOA representatives were getting together to discuss the overall water development program:

"Recruitment will set in, in fact, in June in order to get everyone in the field by the last of September. Overtures to the Department of Interior have been made in the past week by FOA for arranging a mutually satisfactory interdepartmental FOA/Interior relationship agreement which will permit the Survey and other Bureaus in the Interior to carry on in the tech aid program under 'contractural'

arrangement

Mr. Paul F. Taggart,
Chief, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria Division,
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations,
Foreign Operations Administration,
Washington 25, D. C.

arrangement. For the first time in nearly four years we feel that peace for all may soon reign and the program will again prosper."

I called Brown into my office to discuss with him both his letter of February 15th and Schoechle's letter of February 11th. I gathered that he wrote his letter under an emotional flare-up but that he has no idea of winding up USGS activities here.

On our part, I would like to have Brown remain here and I am sure that he would continue to give me and this Mission full support and co-operation, as he has done so far.

I hope that a mutually satisfactory arrangement can be worked out shortly between FOA/W and USGS so that by the time we are ready to move on the overall water development program here, such arrangement will have been concluded.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

February 21, 1954

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Mr. Norman S. Paul
Regional Director
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Paul:

I wish to thank you for the three copies of a report, enclosed with your letter of January 28, prepared by Dr. Raymond W. Miller, covering his evaluation of the operations of the technical cooperation programs in Latin America. I have found this report very interesting and am having it read by each member of this Mission.

Reports of this nature are helpful to us inasmuch as it familiarizes the staff here as to what is being done along the lines of technical assistance in other areas of the world. We are receiving now copies of monthly operations reports from the Missions of this Region. We, too, are sending copies of our monthly operations report to each of such Missions. This exchange of information is also very helpful.

Sincerely yours,


Harland J. Corson
Director

USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

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February 18, 1954

Dear General Riley:

I have just received your letter dated February 3d announcing the appointment of Mr. Nicholas J. Pappas as PS&I Inspector for the Near Eastern countries with his headquarters being established at Beirut. Of course we will give Mr. Pappas any and all assistance which he might require here in Saudi Arabia, as well as the facilities of this Mission.

In the event Mr. Pappas has not left Washington by the time you receive this letter, I should like to suggest that he discuss the situation here with Paul Taggart, and that shortly after his arrival in Beirut he will pay us a visit here. In all probability, Tom Naughten has already familiarized Mr. Pappas with the Saudi Arabian situation.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

General William E. Riley,
Deputy Director for Management,
Foreign Operations Administration,
Washington 25, D. C.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

February 18, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joseph S. Tomer, Executive Secretary, FOA/W

FROM: Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

SUBJECT: Biographical Sketch

I have just received your memorandum dated February 2 with a draft copy of biographical sketch including certain of my personal data, education record and working experience.

Under the caption, "OTHER EXPERIENCE", the following should be inserted after "West India Oil Company, Buenos Aires (Esso Standard Oil); "1919 - Assistant Manager, Rosario Branch."

Shouldn't my service with Rubber Development Corporation, listed under "OTHER EXPERIENCE", be included under "AGENCY POSITIONS" since Rubber Development Corporation was a 100% Government Agency, as it was a subsidiary of Reconstruction Finance Corporation?

Encl.
Biographical Sketch



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
OPERATIONS MISSION TO EGYPT

AMERICAN EMBASSY

HC
Cairo, Egypt, February 16, 1954

Dear Jerry:

Thank you for the very nice invitation contained in your letter of February 8. Both Mrs. Stevens and I would like very much to visit you and Mrs. Corson in Jidda.

At the moment we are deeply involved with trying to get several major programs off the ground. The whole situation is somewhat obscure and I expect it will be at least a few months before our difficulties are clarified enough to allow me to get away for a few days.

May I assume that this is an open invitation and that we may accept it later, whenever I find I can get away? Meantime, if you and Mrs. Corson can come to Cairo any time we now have a spare bedroom available in our apartment.

Sincerely yours,

Harold R. Stevens
Director

Mr. Harland J. Corson,
Director,
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.



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AMERICAN EMBASSY
Cairo, Egypt, February 11, 1954

Dear Jerry:

On returning to Cairo, I found that Norman Paul was still here and that a conference on Economic Aid was set for February 8-10. In addition to the Director and representatives of the Mission to Egypt, those in attendance included Welling and Phillips from Amman, Tannous from Beirut, Thompson from Damascus, Gardner from the Department of State, and Lippincott, an economist traveling with Paul.

I reported your situation and our conversation with the Ambassador. Paul said that he would be in Beirut February 24-26. He left today for Pakistan and India. He will be glad to meet with you in Beirut and would welcome my attendance if you desire it. Please let me know promptly so that I make the necessary arrangements.

You were grand to me during my recent visit and I do want you and Arleen to know that I deeply appreciate your wonderful hospitality.

With very best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Frank H. Elmore, Jr.
Legal Counsel for the Arab States

Mr. Harland I. Corson, Director
USAOM/SA,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

February 13, 1954

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the agreement at the Istanbul conference, we are attaching copy of our Monthly Program Summary corresponding to the month of January, 1954.

We will send you each month copy of such monthly summary and will look forward to receiving such reports from your Mission.

Sincerely yours,

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Harland J. Corson
Director

USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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**USA Operations Mission
Kabul, Afghanistan**

Same letter sent to: Cairo, Egypt; Asmara, Eritrea; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; New Delhi, India; Tehran, Iran; Baghdad, Iraq; Amman, Jordan; Beirut, Lebanon; Tripoli, Libya; Karachi, Pakistan.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

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February 13, 1954

Dear Frank:

As promised, I enclose a copy of each agreement of this Mission now in effect and will send you a copy of each new agreement as executed and will also inform you of agreements when and as terminated.

We all enjoyed very much your being with us recently and hope that you will be able to come down again in the near future.

As soon as we have prepared a draft covering the water development project, I will send you a copy of it for your comments prior to our presenting it to the Saudi Government for consideration.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Mr. Frank Elmore
Regional Attorney
USA Operations Mission
Cairo, Egypt

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

February 11, 1954

Mr. Ralph D. Lamie
1509 VanBuren Street, N.W.
Washington 12, D.C.

Dear Doc:

I refer to your letter dated January 16 relative to the fertilizer plant project in Saudi Arabia in which the Government here is interested.

As far as I know, there have been no new developments in this connection since last I wrote you, nor have any bids been presented, even though the February 1 deadline has passed.

I have just sent to Mr. Paul Taggart of FOA/Washington a copy of a recent report prepared by Dr. K. K. Aalto. You might contact Mr. Taggart and ask him if you can read over that report in his office.

I am told that another report has been prepared recently by McGregor & McNaughton, an American firm, petroleum engineers under contract to the Saudi Arabian Government. I am endeavoring to obtain a copy of that report and if I do, I will send it on to Mr. Taggart. Apparently the matter is a dead duck. I suggest, however, that before giving it up you contact Randy Cooke in Baltimore.

The weather here in Jidda during these winter months has been and still is very delightful but recently we have had some pretty warm days. In a few more months I am sure we all here will wish we had some more of the present weather. I am thoroughly enjoying the work here, as well as the English-speaking colony in Jidda.

So far I have made several trips around the country, but still have many more to make in order to familiarize myself with conditions in areas where we will be operating. Of course, the biggest problem facing this country is water supply. We will have very shortly a large scale country-wide water development program started which will probably run on for several years.

Hoping you and Mrs. Lamie are well and that I will hear from you from time to time, even though I am a poor correspondent myself, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson

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Dir. Corson

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

February 11, 1954

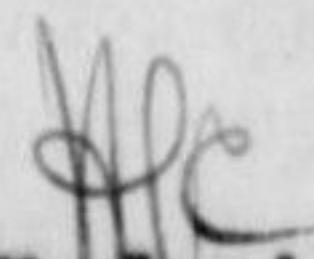
Mr. Dewain L. Delp, Chief
Technical Assistance Division
U.S. Operations Mission to Turkey
Ankara, Turkey

Dear Mr. Delp:

I wish to thank you for sending me attached to your letter of January 5, minutes taken at the TA Conference held in Ankara on December 18.

It will be appreciated if you will send this Mission any and all information pertaining to your activities in Turkey which you think might be of interest and help to us here.

Sincerely yours,



Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

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Dire Elon Corson

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

February 3, 1954

Dear Garry:

Thank you very much for the photograph
taken by Dave Duncan at the reception for the King.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson

Mr. Garry Owen
ARAMCO
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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

February 1, 1954

Dear Mr. Christie:

This is in response to your letter of December 23 in which you asked for information on the number of Moslem Pilgrims in 1952-1953, their expenditures and figures on Saudi Arabian foreign trade during 1953.

The American Embassy has just supplied the data you request. The total number of foreign pilgrims during the 1953 Hajj is 149,841. Details on countries of origin are given on Enclosure 1.

Expenditures average between \$100 and \$200 according to an Embassy estimate; however, the Monetary Agency gives a figure of \$250 each. Of all pilgrim expenditures, Egyptians represent from 1/5 to 1/10 of the total outlay.

Figures on imports and exports for 1953 are not yet available from the American Embassy; however, there is a report on exports and imports for the year 1952 which is given in Enclosure 2.

Yours very sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director

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USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

Mr. Trevor L. Christie
Travel Development Specialist
for the Near East and Africa
USA Operations Mission
American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon

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1. List of number of Pilgrims by nationality in years 1951, 1952, 1953.

Attached

2. Amount of expenditures

- (a) Monetary Agency gives figure of \$250.00 each;
- (b) Nelson (Embassy) feels \$100-\$200 more accurate;
- (c) For example: Indonesians require their Pilgrims to take £ 70 (\$200) on journey;
- (d) Egyptians represent 1/10 to 1/5 of all expenditures.

3. 1953 figures not yet available from American Embassy.
1952 figures shown on attachment.

List of the number and nationalities of Pilgrims in the years 1372, 71 and 70.

<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Year 1370</u>	<u>Year 1371</u>	<u>Year 1372</u>
Egyptians	22,916	27,611	21,675
Syrians	2,379	5,619	3,571
Lebanese	578	1,733	876
Palestinians	130	379	1,195
Iraqis	1,858	2,640	2,804
Morrocans	5,284	7,868	7,306
Bhukharis	328	95	167
Iranians	695	3,569	1,723
Turks	423	9,623	11,329
Jordanians	139	914	488
Yemenis	18	11,785	14,393
Hadhramoutis	787	3,620	3,692
Adenis	121	409	231
Ughanda	141	75	175
Takronis (a negro race)	1,715	7,377	21,537
Shanaqitis	63	134	213
Sudanese	5,535	9,233	6,394
Singhalese	570	853	849
Somalis, Eritreans, and from Musawa	66	551	208
Cape Town	100	69	147
Ethiopians	320	269	320
Zanzibar	270	33	58
Maqdashe	71	62	41
Chinese	6	22	58
Nigeria & Lices	443	1,055	106
Libyans			283
Jibutis		30	21

<u>Nationality</u>	<u>Year 1370</u>	<u>Year 1371</u>	<u>Year 1372</u>
Swahilis			38
Burmese	13	22	62
Afghans	649	1,634	2,204
Pakistanis	31,339	18,314	13,305
Indian Moslems	11,831	10,218	8,865
Ceylonese		53	94
Indonesians	1,856	10,645	13,938
Siamese	1,270	6,101	1,376
Malayans	5,767	3,831	5,967
Filipinos	2,277	667	798
Kuwait	190	88	1,675
Bahrain	115	346	695
Masqat	3	117	172
Dubai	116	53	119
Mauritius			15
Indochina	21		14
Persian Gulf	140		43
Qatar	10	20	374
American Moslems		1	1
Eastern Turkistan			18
Mombasa	16	40	
German Moslems	1		
Tanyanika		16	
Canadians	2		
Madagascar	4		
TOTAL	100,578	148,515	149,841
	(1951)	(1952)	(1953)

1952

Exports

(Millions of Dollars)

Petroleum Products

\$215.0

Pilgrim Dues

None

Customs

25.0

Miscellaneous

5.0

Total \$245,000,000

Imports

(Millions of Dollars)

From U. S.

90.0

From U. K.

22.0

From Europe

35.0

From Near East

8.0

From Far East

26.0

181.0

Intangibles

64.0

\$245,000,000



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon
December 23, 1953

Dear Mr. Corson :

I wonder if you will be so kind as to ask John Stacy, if he is still there, or someone in your shop to try to dig up the following information about the Moslem Pilgrimage to Mecca for 1952 and 1953 if it is available.

1. ✓ The number of foreign pilgrims, nationality by nationality.
2. The amount of their expenditures in foreign exchange, both in area and non-area currencies.

If you will refer to Mr. Stratton's letter of September 25, 1952, you will see that he gave us approximate figures on 1952 but we have nothing on 1953. It is quite possible that this data is contained in Embassy despatches No. 80 and No. 81 of September 13, 1952 and in later despatches.

We would also like to know the value of Saudi Arabian imports and exports, including petroleum, for 1952 and 1953 if available. This information is needed for a regional year-end report on tourism in the Near East and we will appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Trevor L. Christie
Trevor L. Christie
Travel Development Specialist
for the Near East and Africa,
U.S. Operations Mission

Mr. Harland Corson
U.S. Director, U.S. Operations Mission
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

January 31, 1954

PERSONAL

Dear Paul:

I suppose you have wondered many times why you have not heard from me oftener than you have, but I can honestly say that with all I have had to do (usually 10 to 11 hours a day), plus an acute shortage of staff or assistance here, time has been spent in overcoming old habits and loose practices amongst the personnel here, rewriting and preparing budgets, necessary trips in the country, plus a trip to Istanbul -- then during the last month, work on projects and programs.

As we have informed FOA/W on many occasions, we have only one secretary for 26 people which, as you can well imagine, is a most difficult situation. Furthermore, I have absolutely no one to give me assistance in the work of this office, which means that when I am not here, everything piles up and it always seems that I am trying to get out to Washington the most urgent matters.

I am sure that you fully appreciate what I am up against here but aside from finding it difficult to keep up with the work here (having had only a part of four days for relaxation ever since I arrived in Jidda), I feel gratified with the results obtained. I only wish you could pay us a visit in the near future to be able to appreciate the change which has been brought about here. Of course, there are things still to be done since it is not to be expected that everything can be accomplished from one day to the next where human nature is concerned.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

Mr. Paul F. Taggart,
Chief, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Syria Division,
Near East, South Asia and Africa Operations,
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION
Washington 25, D.C.



January 28, 1954

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Mr. Harland J. Corson
Director
United States of America Operations
Mission to Saudi Arabia
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Mr. Corson:

There are enclosed three copies of a report prepared by Dr. Raymond W. Miller. This study was an attempt to evaluate the operations of our technical cooperation programs and related activities in terms of their impact on the people of Latin America. Although aimed specifically at Latin America, it has application in every country in which technical assistance programs are carried on.

It is Dr. FitzGerald's and my hope that this report will be read by everyone in your Mission. I know that you will find it a well-written, interesting and inspiring document. Much of it you have heard before, but all of it is worthy of reiteration.

Sincerely yours,

Norman S. Paul
Acting Regional Director
Near East, South Asia and Africa

Enclosures:

Three copies of Miller report

1 copy to Edens

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Embassy

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

January 26, 1954

Dear Jeff:

There are no new developments in our projects with Prince Sultan and Prince Fahad other than the fact that we are discussing with them the setting up of their respective Ministries, the projects pertaining to each Ministry, and their budgets for covering all pending projects, technical assistance and economic aid. We start conversations tomorrow with Prince Talal. Mr. Sinclair has an appointment with him at 10:30 to discuss road planning and surveys under economic aid.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson,
Director

J. Jefferson Jones, III
Counselor of Embassy
American Embassy
Jidda



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
~~TECHNICAL COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION~~
OPERATIONS MISSION TO EGYPT

AMERICAN EMBASSY

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Cairo, Egypt, January 18, 1954

Dear Jerry:

When we were together here and at Istanbul last month, you said that you would like for me to come to Jidda, probably after January 15. I have not heard from you and as there are demands on my time from the other Arab States, I hope that you will not take it amiss that I ask you to let me know, as soon as you can, whether you still wish me to come to Jidda and if so when. Please remember that usually, it takes a week or ten days to arrange transportation and obtain the necessary visas.

Please remember me to Thel and Bill. With very best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Frank H. Elmore, Jr.
Legal Counsel for the Arab States

Mr. Harlan J. Corson, Director
USAOM/SA,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

January 17, 1954

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I refer to your Memorandum of Conversation dated January 16 regarding your discussion with Shaikh Yusuf Yassin, Acting Foreign Minister, relative to FOA (USAOM) projects in Saudi Arabia as mentioned in my letter to you dated January 10, 1954. The following are my comments:

Insofar as the USAOM/Jidda is concerned, the Industrial Training School can be established just as well at Riyadh as at Dammam. However, since the primary object of the school is to train personnel of and for the Saudi Government Railroad, it was Prince Talal's idea that the school be located at Dammam, where the headquarters and shops of the railroad are located and where the greatest number of personnel are stationed. It is my understanding that only when the facilities of the school are not fully utilized for railroad employees, will others be admitted. I will discuss Shaikh Yusuf's comments with Prince Talal and will be guided by the latter's wishes as to the location of the Industrial Training School.

I do not understand Shaikh Yusuf's remark to the effect that Aramco will take all responsibility for industrial training in Dammam in accordance with the most recent agreement between the Company and the Government. I see no more reason why Aramco should provide industrial training for employees of the Saudi Government Railroad, or those of any other Government entity, than for the Saudi Government Railroad to provide such training for employees of Aramco.

With respect to economic aid for Saudi Arabia, USAOM/Jidda has already received approval for a total expenditure of \$3,350,000, also the covering allotment of funds. Therefore, as soon as it is known here what specific type of agreement, if any, should be used to cover the respective projects under the aid program, we will be in a position to discuss, prepare and submit agreements to the respective Saudi Ministries.

For your information, the above amount will be used as the United States contribution to the following projects:

The Honorable
George Wadsworth,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

Water Development	\$2,000,000
Road planning and surveys (including survey Medina- Maan Railroad rehabilitation)	1,000,000
Abha Irrigation Dam	250,000
Improvement to Port of Jizan	100,000

At this time it is generally felt by USAOM/Jidda that aerial photography, mapping and ground geology will be covered by U.S. funds while exploratory and productive drilling will be covered by Saudi Government funds. Discussions with the Minister of Agriculture - now in charge of water development - might bring about other ideas in this connection. Aerial photography and mapping, the Medina-Maan railway survey, the Abha dam, and the Jizan port improvement will definitely be done under contract.

I will keep you posted as to progress being made on both Technical Assistance and Economic Aid projects and I will appreciate your passing such information on to Shaikh Yusuf, if and when convenient and advisable, so that he will understand that USAOM/Jidda is now not confining its efforts to gathering information for, and writing of, reports but instead to actually carrying out projects agreed upon by his Government.

Yours very truly,

Harland J. Corson
Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION
Washington 25, D.C.



January 8, 1954

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Mr. Harland J. Corson,
Director, United States Operations
Mission to Saudi Arabia,
Care American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia.

Dear Mr. Corson:

Attached is a copy of a magazine published by the Government of Israel. I think it is a fine example of public information on the Foreign Operations Administration program in that country.

Perhaps you may find it a useful demonstration piece on how the host government is discharging its responsibility to publicize Technical Cooperation programs.

Also please note the box on Page 14. Strikes me as a deft and effective way of explaining the change in terminology resulting from the recent reorganization. It may suggest something to you, if you face similar problems.

Sincerely,

William J. Caldwell

William J. Caldwell
Director
Office of Public Reports

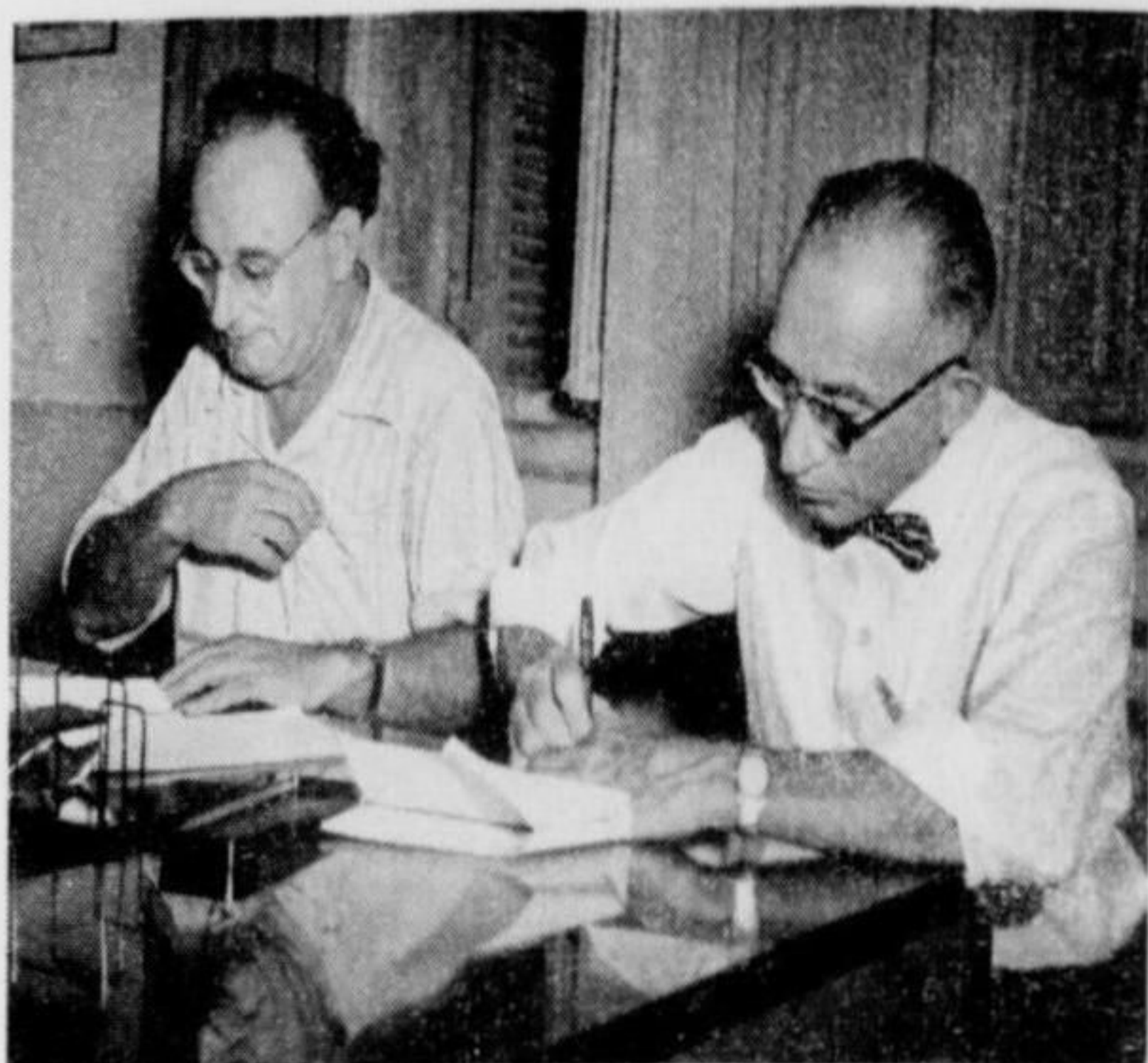
Enclosure:

Magazine published by the
Government of Israel.

Wm Caldwell

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A Challenge is Met



Agreements are Signed at Working Level

A report on the progress of the co-operation of the Government
of Israel and the United States Operations Mission to Israel.

A story of Joint Projects in economic and technical assistance to
Israel with a goal of economic independence for the new State.



Agreements are Signed
at High Level



Israel-USOM Team at Hospital Site

THIS IS A REPORT to the citizens of Israel on the progress of one of the most interesting examples of international mutual cooperation in history.

It is a story of the accomplishments of the Joint Projects of the State of Israel and the United States Operations Mission in Israel.

Involved in this story are facts and figures, wheat and lumber, dollars and pounds. But the essence of the cooperation is in an Israel technician and a technician from the United States working together day after day, deciding the most beneficial use of the wheat and lumber, the dollars and pounds, the use which will carry Israel furthest along the road towards its goal of stability, freedom and economic independence.

This is a report to you on exactly what this cooperation between Israel and the United States has done with \$136,756,500 of financial assistance provided by the taxpayers of America, farmers, fishermen, doctors, teachers, laborers.

It will report what is being done

with the 86,900,000 Israel pounds which have been put up by the Israel Government to carry on the overall programs.

It will report on progress in the field of technical assistance, on which 3,508,500 American dollars are being spent.

Israel's Effort

How did it all begin?

Let us look first of all at the Israel side of the story.

Three generations of effort have culminated in the establishment of the State of Israel, which has absorbed 720,000 immigrants in the course of five and a half years, and has set up a new center of democracy and civilization in the Middle

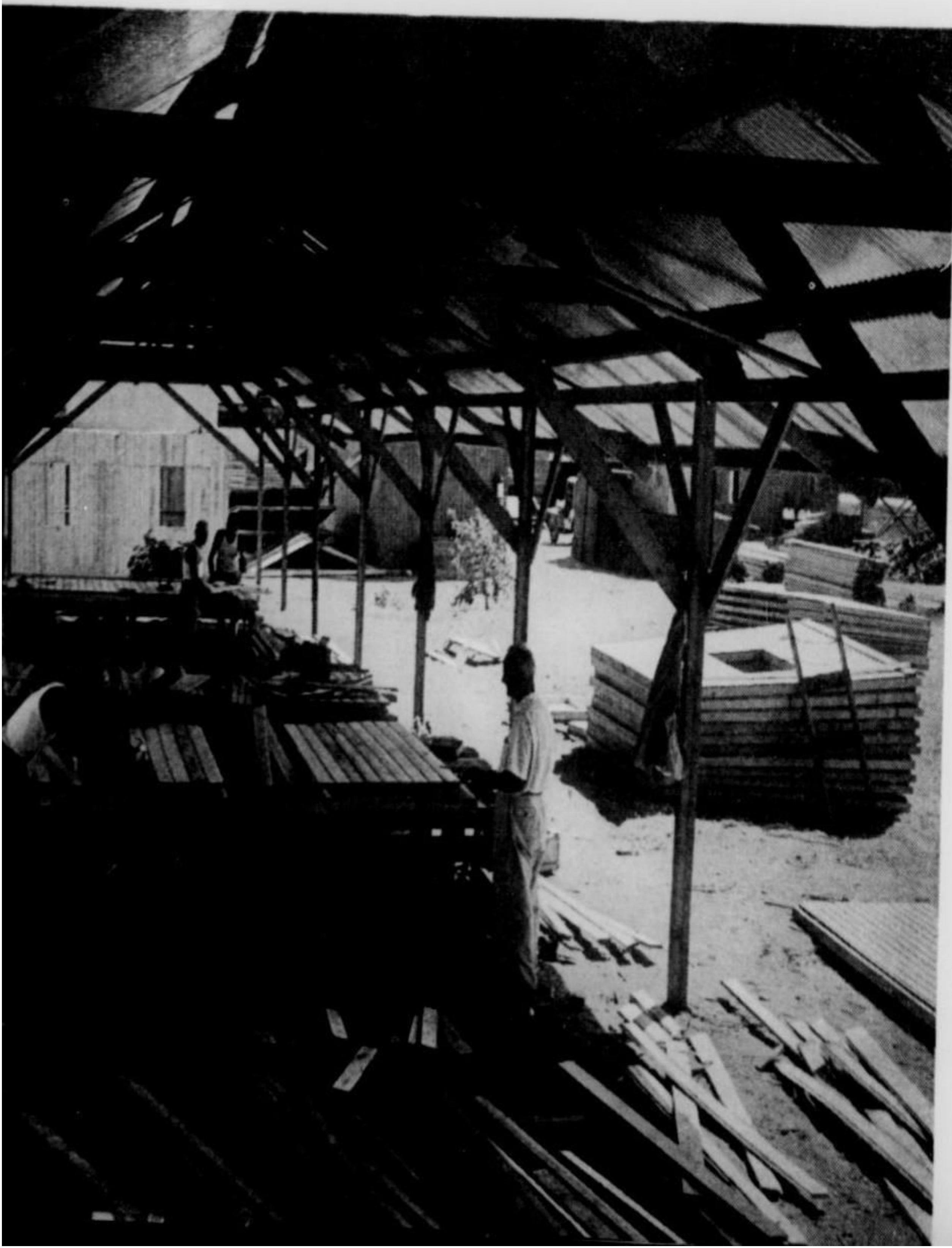
East, in the ancient Homeland.

As a new state, Israel must quickly build up its economy so as to attain economic independence. It has more than doubled its population and the newcomers have to be supplied with food, clothing, work and homes. For these purposes, Israel has set in motion large-scale development schemes to expand agriculture and industry,



U.S. Powdered Milk for Israel Babies

Pre-Fabs for Refugee Housing



build houses and develop power and transportation.

These schemes provide for the establishment of hundreds of new villages, the irrigation of hundreds of thousands of dunams, the exploitation of previously untouched mineral resources, the construction of new factories, the building of thousands of new homes and the laying of many kilometers of roads, power cables and telephone lines.

This work has been financed by special annual Development Budgets, with resources drawn partly from abroad and partly (and in increasing measure) from the savings of Israel's own population. Until the development schemes bear fruit, supplies of food and essential consumer goods, fuel and raw materials must be maintained.

For all these purposes large quantities of supplies had to be imported from overseas.

There were basic foods to be purchased, such as corn and wheat, edible oils, flour, sugar and powdered milk. There was fuel for industry, public services and homes, to be brought in from abroad.

To aid in the resettlement of immigrants, the import of materials for housing was high on the priority list. Farm equipment and spare parts were important. Medical supplies were essential.

So that Israel can become self-sufficient and earn its own way completely, materials had to be bought in order to develop the country's capacity to supply its own needs and pay its own way. Livestock had to be bought to improve the breeds of cattle in Israel. Transportation problems, basic in all phases of life, had to be solved with imported materials (until Israel can manufacture its own). A large item on the imports shopping list was materials and supplies for expanding power facilities, so that more farm settlements could have electricity for their water pumps, so that industry could expand, so that homes could be lighted.

Materials and equipment had to be purchased for irrigation, to make more dunams of land produce more; to allow industry to expand and take care of consumer demands and export markets; to expand fisheries

so that Israel families would have more fish to eat until the beef stock herds are adequate.

In spite of the assistance of Jewry all over the world—especially in the

United States, the self-denial of Israel's population and the efforts to increase exports, the resources available were not sufficient to cover all that had to be done.

Enter USOM

This was where the United States Congress came into the picture.

The people of the United States, through the Congress, decided on a policy of mutual cooperation with nations requiring assistance for the purpose of stabilizing their economies and strengthening their independence.

Israel proposed to the U.S. Government that it should be included in this mutual cooperation scheme. The United States Congress agreed to the proposal, and authorized the first Grant-in-Aid for the purpose.

To finance this plan, the U.S. people offered \$63,757,000¹ of their tax monies. That was for the fiscal year of 1951-1952. The plan was working successfully by the end of that fiscal year (June 30, 1952), so Congress voted to continue the cooperation, and offered \$72,979,000¹ to support it.

An administrative organization, now known as the United States Operations Mission to Israel or USOM (then known as the Technical Cooperation Administration or TCA), was created to work with the Israel Government in executing the plan. Mr. Bruce McDaniel came to Israel in December 1951 as Director of the operations, under general supervision of the United States Ambassador in Israel.

Parallel machinery, headed first by Mr. Ehud Avriel and then by Mr. Teddy Kollek, was set up by the Israel Government, to cooperate closely with the United States Mission.

The Grant-in-Aid Office of the Finance Ministry of the Israel Government set about preparing a priority list of the most essential supplies required in Israel from the outside world to take care of the people's needs and develop the country. These suggestions on priorities were

sent to the USOM offices for approval, and the Israel Government made the purchases on the basis of mutual agreement.

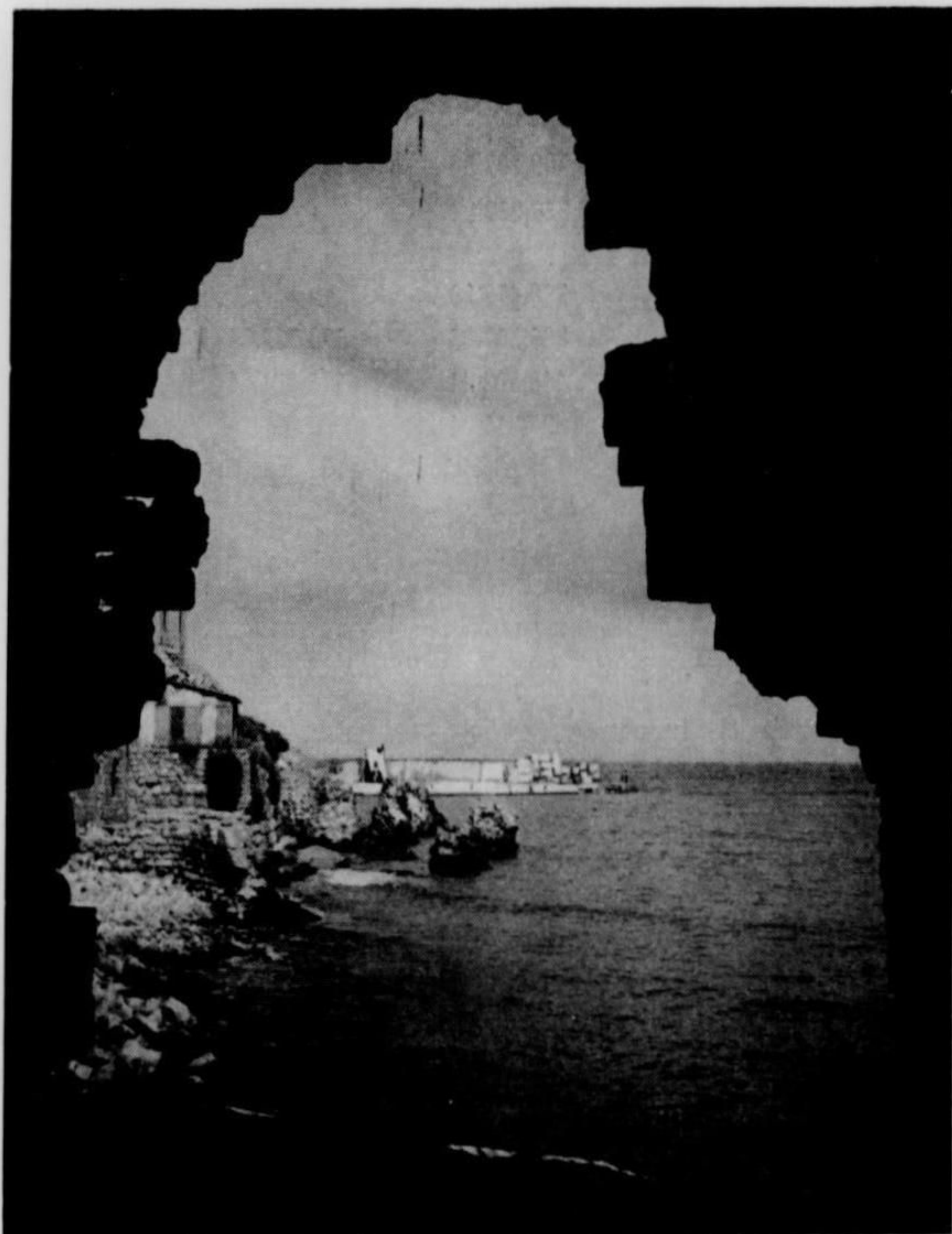
When the goods purchased with Grant-in-Aid dollars arrived in Israel ports they were sold to individuals or companies or transferred to Israel Government Departments at market prices. The money obtained in this way was put into a special account and formed what is called the "Counterpart Fund". This Fund is used to pay the local expenses, for labor, services and local materials required to handle the goods and utilize the materials imported for Israel's development projects.

For instance, if Israel wishes to

erect a new factory, the machinery may be bought in the United States with Grant-in-Aid money, while the local building materials, the transport and the wages of the workers employed in erecting the factory may be paid for out of the Counterpart Fund. Thus even the proceeds of the sale in Israel of food and other goods used to supply the current needs of the population are made to serve the development of the country.

The expenditure of the Counterpart Fund is controlled on the same basis as the dollars. The Israel Government suggests specific projects on which it would be in the best public interest to spend the pounds, and these are sent to the USOM Office for approval.

All expenditures are checked by the Government of Israel and USOM officials to see that they have been made in keeping with the intention of Congress, to assist in the absorption of immigrants and the attaining of economic independence.



Herod's Caesarea Becomes Fishing Port

¹ Including Grant-in-Aid and Technical Assistance.

TABLE I
*Commodities Received Through
Grant-in-Aid Dollars
Period ending September 15, 1953*

<i>Commodity</i>	<i>Fiscal Year 1951/52</i>	<i>Fiscal Year 1952/53</i>	<i>Total</i>
	\$	\$	\$
Steel Sheets, Bars, Joists, Plates, Coils, etc.	1,800,494.83	1,244,151.00	3,044,645.83
Skimmed Milk Powder	1,320,469.87	796,027.87	2,116,497.74
Milk Powder	60,169.82	820,892.82	881,062.64
Soya and Green Beans	2,141,757.02	1,354,668.10	3,496,425.12
COTTON: Raw and Clean	2,286,320.41	1,593,655.45	3,879,975.86
Wheat and Wheat Seeds	19,136,993.62	3,476,987.16	22,613,980.78
Generators, Pumps, Spare Parts, Pipes and Fittings, etc.	3,941,038.90	1,470,191.20	5,411,230.10
Yeasts	174,221.23	—	174,221.23
Cotton Yarn	94,399.57	—	94,399.57
Fodder	130,400.45	—	130,400.45
Sugar	3,812,725.82	1,048,401.99	4,861,127.81
Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals	1,179,252.30	1,769,899.13	2,949,151.43
Petrol, Oil and Petrol Compounds	777,348.23	6,133,028.63	6,910,376.86
Fishmeal	512,327.42	433,733.72	946,061.14
Sunflower Cake, Seeds, and Cotton Expellers	415,990.14	940,240.15	1,356,230.29
OILS AND FATS: Edible and Industrial	8,709,787.56	5,302,374.94	14,012,162.50
Flour	2,226,283.02	—	2,226,283.02
WOOL: Wool Tops, Scoured Wool, etc.	260,472.39	—	260,472.39
Lubricants	866,557.53	670,733.05	1,537,290.58
Hides and Skins	449,502.41	176,591.26	626,093.67
Bones	27,712.71	—	27,712.71
Shoe Manufacturing Material	57,537.56	39,039.96	96,577.52
Tires and Tubes	28,901.52	—	28,901.52
Barley	58,601.69	—	58,601.69
Rubber and Rubber Products	—	206,259.76	206,259.67
Corn	—	739,064.71	739,064.71
Yellow Corn	—	260,528.63	260,528.63
Scientific Supplies & Instruments	—	152,920.01	152,920.01
Sheep and Cattle	—	224,810.00	224,810.00
CORK: Granulated Cork, Cork Board, etc.	—	99,589.00	99,589.00
Tin	—	20,634.00	20,634.00
Payments against 10 Fishing Vessels from U.K.	100,000.00	130,000.00	140,000.00
Kibbled Carobs	178,122.16	—	178,122.16
Wheat Bran	147,644.75	—	147,644.75
MISCELLANEOUS: Seeds, Indian Strip, Sisal, etc.	11,971,860.49	1,265,984.22	13,213,690.25
GRAND TOTAL	62,866,993.42	30,630,843.56	93,497,836.98

Two Years' Assistance

It is now possible to look back upon two full years of American assistance to Israel through the use of \$63,500,000 of the 51/52 Grant and \$70,228,000 in 1952/53.

The emphasis in the use of the first Grant was overwhelmingly on relief, while the use of the second Grant shows a sharp increase in money spent on development. This indicates the maturing of the Israel economy towards self-reliance. At the same time it reflects the slowing down of mass immigration and the fact that each passing year serves to bring the immigrant population closer to integration into the nation's economic and social order.

Practically all but some \$7,500,000 of the first Grant were spent on the satisfaction of fundamental human needs. Congress had specified that "refugee relief and resettlement" were the chief purposes for which the first grant was given; therefore food accounted for a large part of the expenditure. Second only to food was fuel; about a fourth of Israel's fuel imports for the year were financed by the first Grant. The large-scale progress of house and road construction, and the development of industry and agriculture, water and power, had made petroleum almost as essential to "refugee relief and resettlement" as food imports.

Following after food and fuel came the need for clothing and footwear, which severely taxed the country's capacity to import the necessary raw materials. Hence almost half a million dollars of the first Grant were for the purchase of leather and three and a half millions for the purchase of cotton, wool and other textile raw materials.

Resettlement and development benefited by appropriations totalling less than \$8,000,000—or about one-eighth of the \$63,000,000 of the first Grant. Those two categories were allotted more than \$24,000,000 in the second Grant, almost a third of the total value of \$70,228,000.

Other development items were increased in the second Grant, and new development items for which no appropriations were made in the

first Grant account for \$5,198,000 of the second. Chief among them is industry, especially heavy and primary industry, which received \$3,182,000.

These supplies have helped to meet the needs of the immigrants and brought Israel further along the road to economic independence.

Technical Assistance

Now we come to the most dramatic phase of the "teamwork" picture, involving a third part of the operation called "Technical Assistance".

Israel has many capable experts and technicians, working in every field of agriculture, industry, public service and administration. The Israel Government is anxious, however, to raise the standards of skill and efficiency to the maximum. For this purpose it is glad to have the benefit of the experience and know-how accumulated in a country like the United States.

USOM has brought between 25 and 30 men and women from the United States to Israel who are called "technicians" or "technical experts". They are persons with long experience in their particular technical fields. They remain in Israel only as long as they are needed to complete their specific assignments. More will come here when they are needed.

A cardinal principle is that each technician stays in Israel only until he has trained an Israel technician in the same field, so that the Israel technician can carry on and can train others.

If the USOM man goes back to the United States, he returns usually to the private business he left for a short while in order to be of some help to the people of a foreign land. Invariably he returns to his private business with his own technical knowledge increased considerably by the exchange of professional experience that he has had with similar technicians of Israel.

When a USOM technician arrives in Israel for a specific task, he is introduced immediately to an Israel technician of a similar speciality. This man is known as the USOM technician's "counterpart". They are a team undertaking to

The Grant-in-Aid Dollars for the Year were One-third of Israel's Foreign Exchange

Here is how the 1952/53 Dollars were spent

Relief

Basic Foods	22,357,000
Seeds, Fodders, etc.	6,200,000
Raw Materials	4,330,000
Fuel	13,300,000
	46,187,000

Resettlement

Housing	5,900,000
Farm Buildings	100,000
Farm Equipment	1,670,000
Spare Parts	2,110,000
Medical Supplies	1,144,000
	10,924,000

Development

Food Storage	171,000
Livestock	470,000
Transportation	775,000
Power	2,800,000
Irrigation	5,539,000
Industry	3,192,000
Fishing	180,000
	13,117,000

A GRAND TOTAL OF

\$ 70,228,000

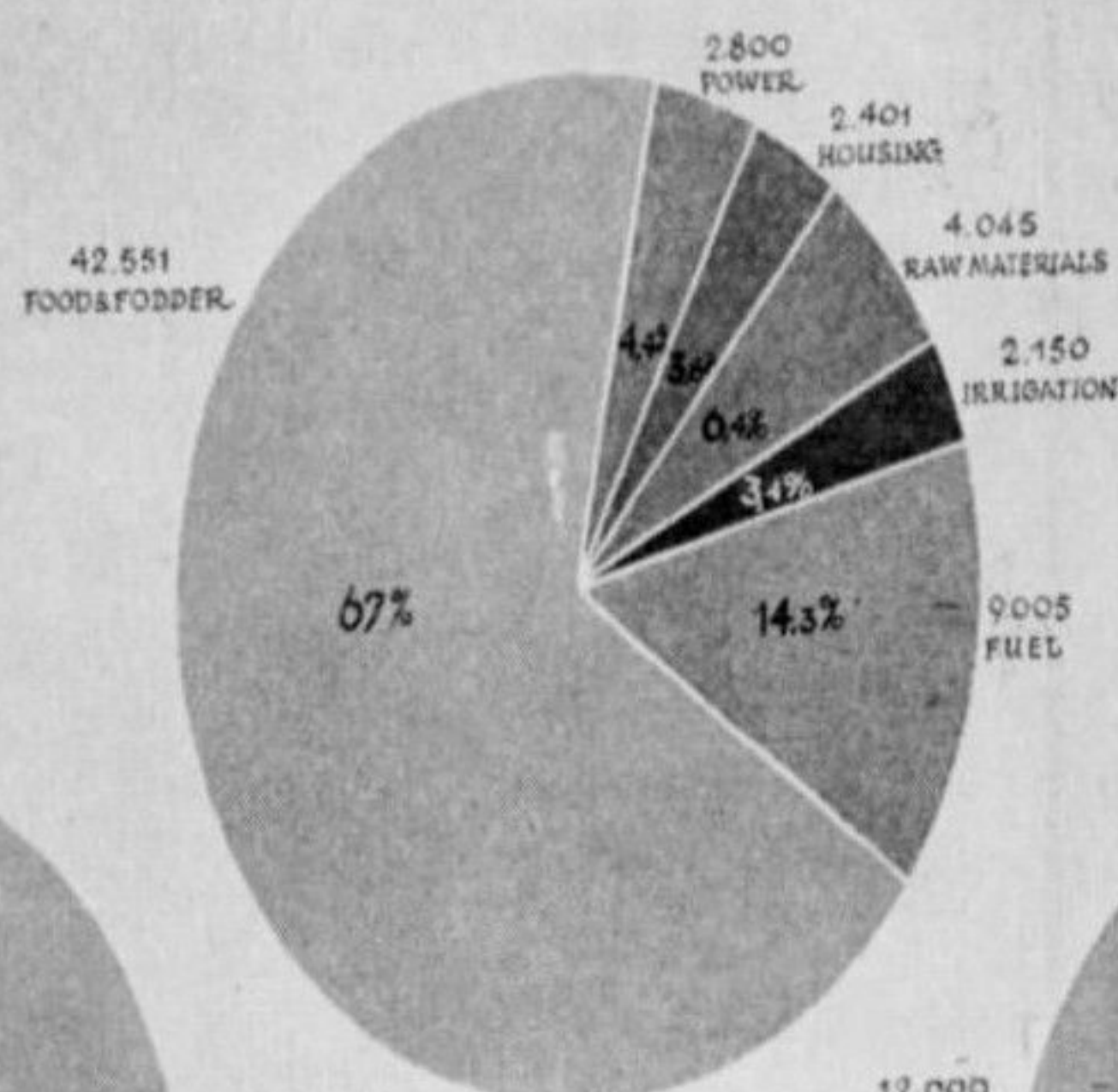


Merchant Turned Skilled Laborer

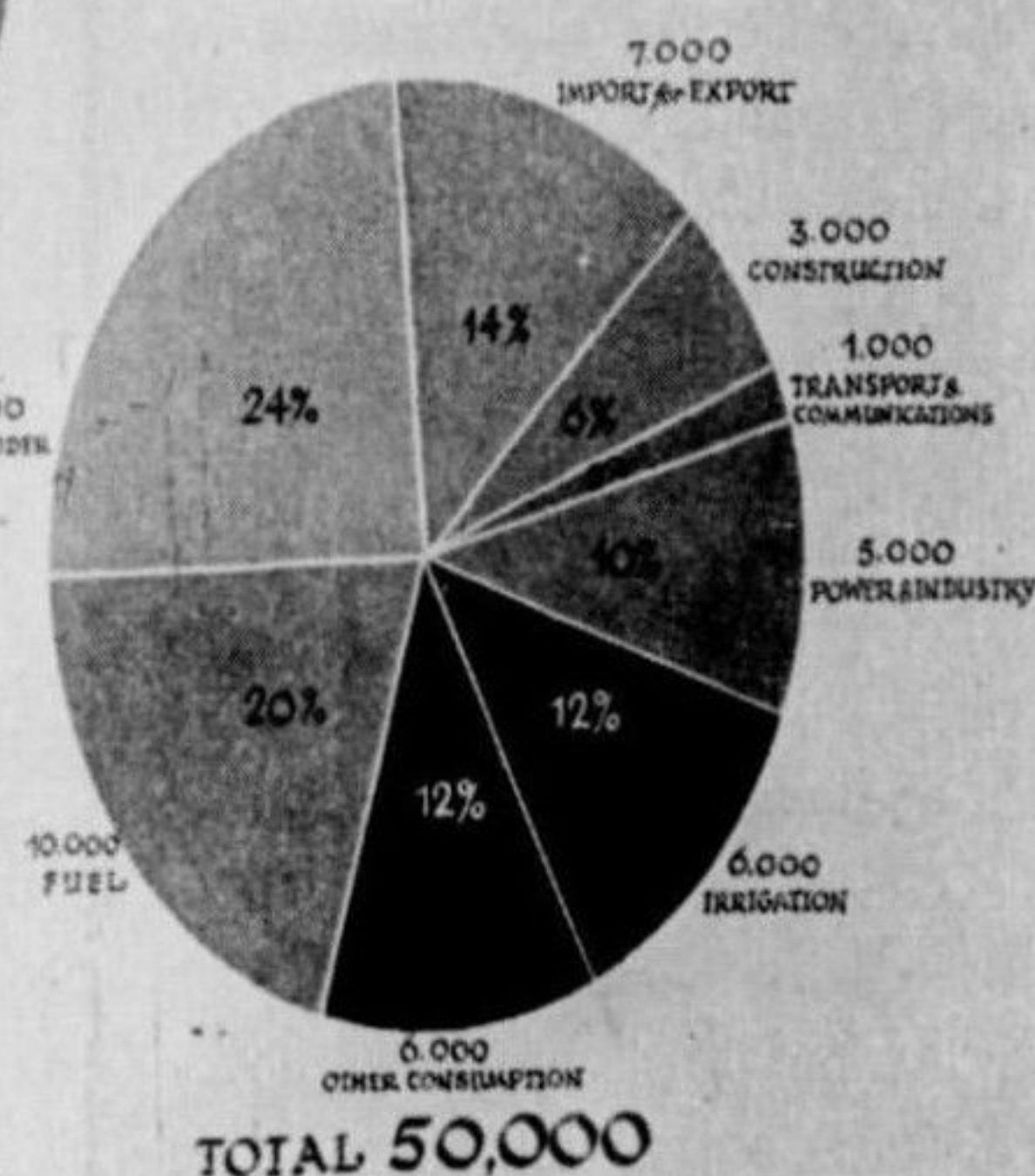
USE OF GRANT-IN-AID

(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)

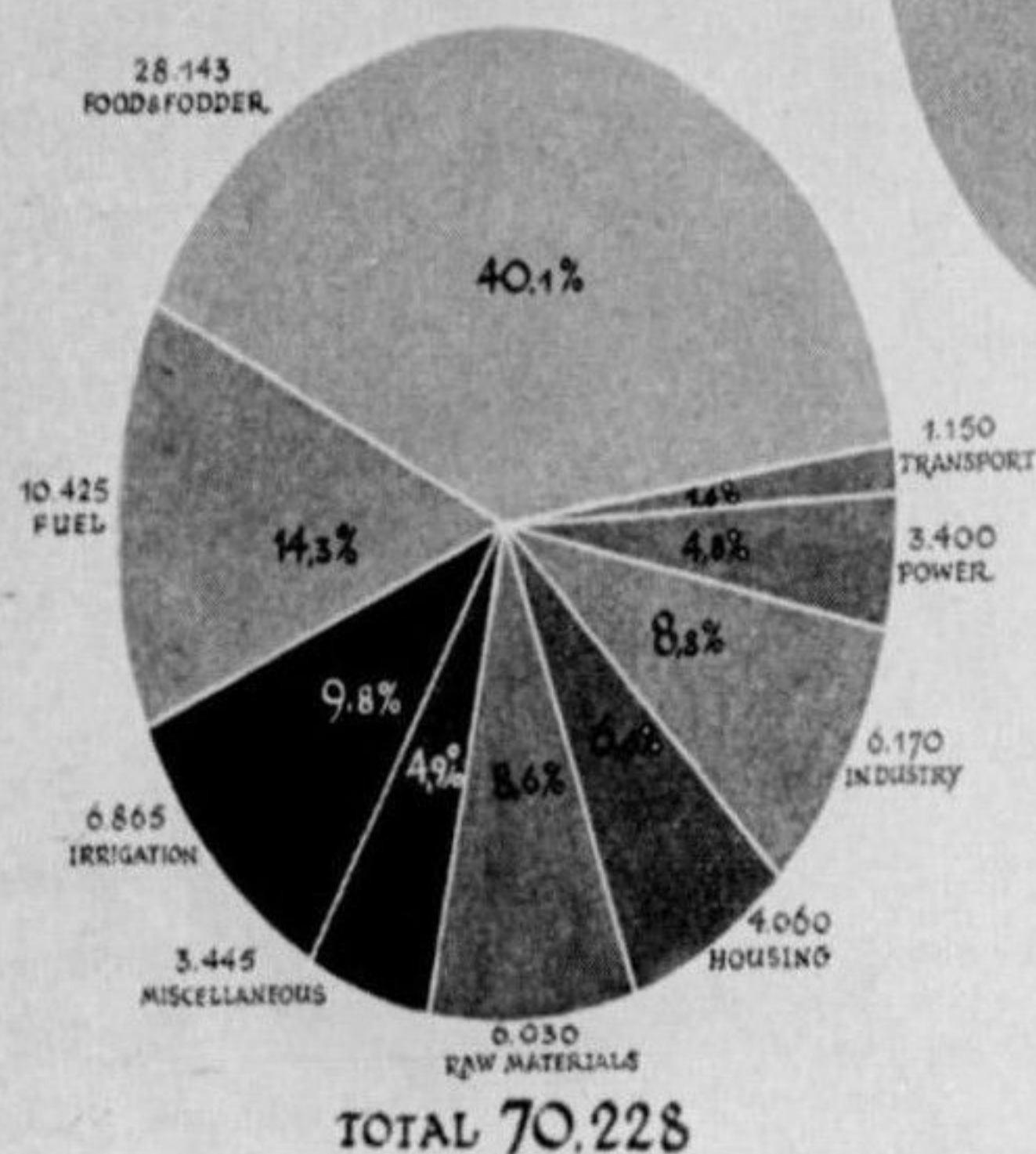
1ST GRANT-IN-AID
1951/52



3RD GRANT-IN-AID
1953/54
(TENTATIVE PLAN)



2ND GRANT-IN-AID
1952/53



TOTAL 63,500

TOTAL 70,228

TOTAL 50,000

solve a specific problem, arising out of Israel's requirements and special conditions.

It is important that they coordinate, as far as their field is concerned, the expenditure of Grant-in-Aid dollars and "Counterpart" Israel pounds, as well as the technical correctness of the entire plan.

The two technicians, one from USOM and one of Israel (they frequently share offices), sit down and work out the technical details of their assigned project, the exact needs which call for dollar and counterpart expenditures, the possible need for additional specialists from outside of Israel and other Israel persons who may be trained in technical skills while the project is under way.

These are called Action Projects because, while they accomplish the principal purpose of training Israel

technicians, at the same time they are actually undertaking a project which is needed for the economic development of Israel.

Here is an example: It is important that Israel's range or grazing (pasture) lands be improved to support a larger cattle population, to provide Israel citizens with meat which is now imported at considerable foreign currency expense. Israel has a large area of potential grazing land. An extensive program is now in progress to do just this, in cooperation with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.

- (1) Grant-in-Aid dollars buy the livestock to improve the breed and the seed to plant, in so far as they must be purchased outside of Israel. The Israel and USOM technicians decide how

and where best to undertake the project and what types and quantity of cattle and seeds will be needed.

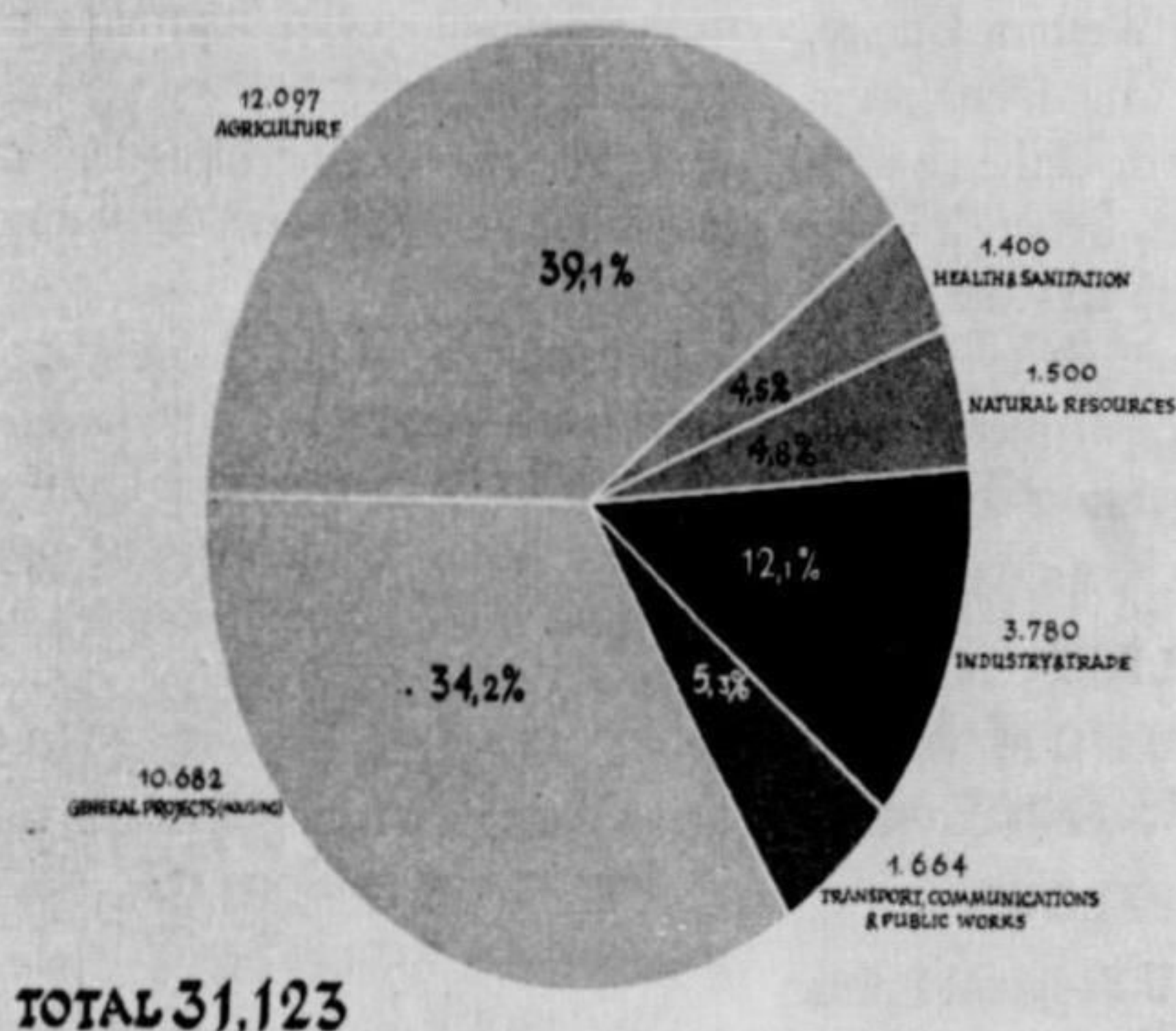
- (2) The Counterpart Funds (Israel pounds) cover the essential cost of the local materials and labor used in the projects.
- (3) Technical assistance brings the needed technicians with specialized experience to Israel. (It also sends Israel technicians to the United States for additional training or refreshing. This phase will be explained later.)

Or another example is in the essential field of water resources (irrigation), in which the Israel Government has initiated extensive works all over the country. The technicians determine the amount of steel needed for the irrigation pro-

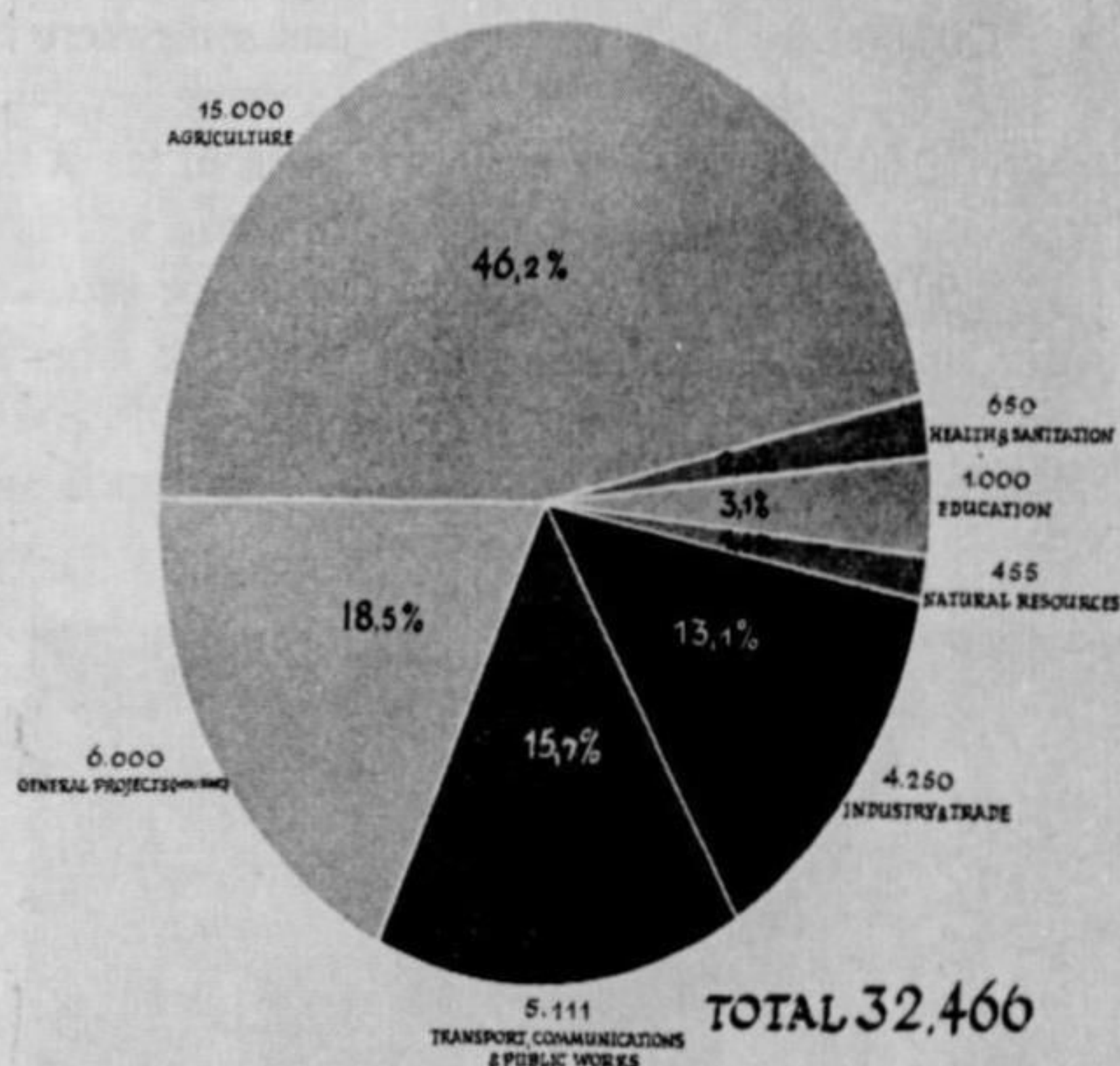
USE OF COUNTERPART FUNDS

(IN THOUSANDS OF ISRAEL POUNDS)

PREVIOUS PROGRAM



NEW PROGRAM



COUNTERPART AVAILABLE

(IN THOUSANDS OF ISRAEL POUNDS)

DEPOSITS	86.900
ACCRUALS	37.200
RELEASES	21.700
BALANCE ON DEPOSIT	65.200

ject. They request Grant-in-Aid dollars to make the purchase, and recommend "Counterpart" pounds for making the steel into pipes and for paying workmen to lay the pipe. Then the technical team goes out in the field and makes certain that the entire project is going according to plan.

All project plans must have final approval by the joint action of co-directors from the Israel Government and USOM, so that purchases and plans fit into an overall program.

There are now eight Divisions in operation in USOM Technical Assistance: agriculture, education (including vocational education), health and sanitation, industry and trade, public administration, mineral resources, transportation, communication and public works, and water resources.

AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

In 1952 Israel produced 28 per cent of her total food requirements, and imported 72 per cent of her food needs. She imported \$80,528,000 of her food and fodder, of which USOM grants contributed \$22,579,999.

An agricultural development plan with a five-year goal has been undertaken by the Government of Israel, and it is to aid this plan that the Joint Project in agriculture is dedicated.

A considerable share in the responsibility for the rapid agricultural increase in Israel during the past year can be credited to these USOM-Israel dollar purchases during the period of July 1, 1952, to April 1, 1953:

\$4,538,000 for fodders and feeds

3,100,000 for irrigation development on farms
670,000 for livestock production
545,000 for farm equipment
500,000 for farm buildings
150,000 for spare parts for machinery
180,000 for fishing industry

\$9,683,000 (total nine months)

Considerable additional help for improvement of agriculture came from Counterpart Funds used from July 1, 1952, to October 1, 1953:

IL.3,759,900 for irrigation development
1,000,000 for short-term loans for agricultural production
965,000 for developing fruit plantations

728,800 for improving farm areas
 400,000 for cattle and sheep raising
 269,360 for construction of farm buildings
 200,000 for rehabilitating plantations
 200,000 for soil conservation
 150,000 for fisheries anchorage
 90,000 for construction of agricultural schools

IL.7,763,060 (total 15 months)

The technicians in the field enjoy most the prospects of participating in "Operation Cowboy", a practical "pilot" project now in the planning stage.

"Operation Cowboy" would provide for the establishment of a self-supporting modern livestock ranch unit somewhere in Western Galilee. In some ways it would be like a ranch in the Western United States. It would be fenced, livestock water would be provided, and the ranch would be large enough to support 1,200 cattle and 2,000 sheep.

This ranch would serve as the

training center where all livestock operations, such as handling the stock, branding, castrating, vaccinating, roping, coralling, grazing, etc., would be demonstrated and taught.

Programs in agriculture now under way include technical assistance to the Government in improving its research and education in agriculture, to intensify the efficiency of production and increase the output per unit.

Development of the natural range grass lands will permit this natural resource to be converted into meat produce, so as to increase the present protein diet of the people, and reduce the need for the annual \$6,000,000 meat imports. This is being done by burning brush, by re-seeding and by applying range land management techniques.

Assistance is being given to agricultural communities in growing to maturity the 15,000 bull calves now being slaughtered at one week of age, and in the importation of breeding stock.

Projects are getting under way :

To increase the production of peanuts and the rehabilitation of olive groves in order to decrease the present import of \$8,400,000 in edible oils,

To increase the production of sweet potatoes for consumption and for manufacture of potato flour,

To increase the production of hybrid corn and carob trees to decrease livestock feed imports,

To protect food, feed and fiber crops from disease and pests,

To assist the fisheries industry.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION

The Ingathering of the Exiles brought new Israel citizens from many lands and gave rise to difficult health problems. At first the Ministry of Health found itself so busy with curative measures that preventive steps came slowly.

The public health technicians of the Health Ministry, with the co-operation of USOM, launched their efforts in the preventive fields.

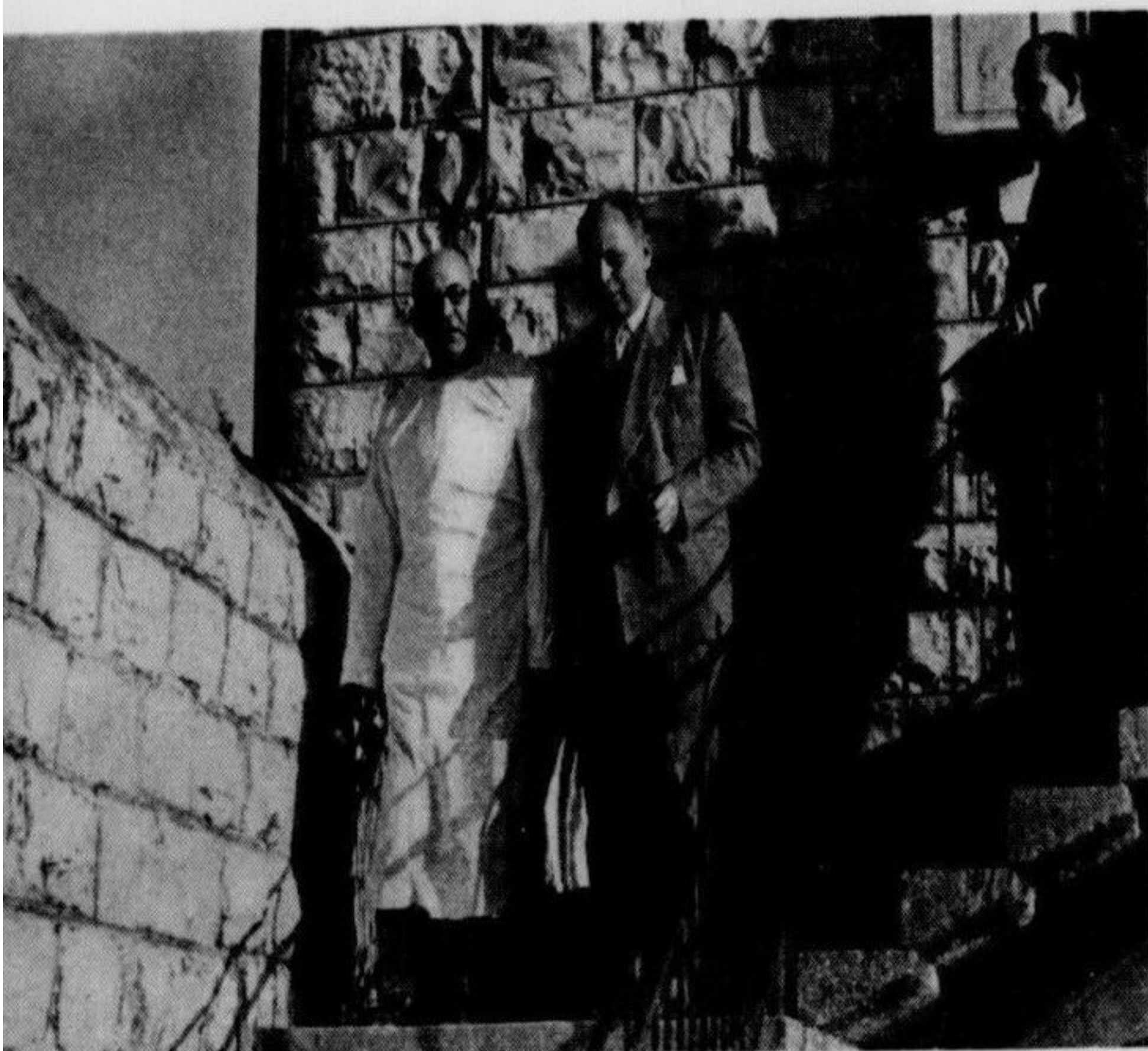
Today the life expectancy in Israel compares favorably with that of the Jewish population before the

LEFT :

**USOM Official
Inspects Hospital**

BELOW :

**U.S.-Israel Public
Health Team**



beginning of mass immigration or with that of any Western nation.

Grant-in-Aid monies were allocated for the import of needed sanitary equipment and supplies, for wire netting and chemicals for the control of flies and mosquitoes, galvanized iron sheets for the manufacture of garbage cans and dishwashing sinks, chlorine for bactericidal treatment of water supplies and restaurant utensils, and stainless steel sheets for the manufacture of milk pasteurization and food handling equipment—\$900,000 worth in one year.

A USOM mobile film projector unit, complete in a truck, was loaned to the Ministry so that movies could be shown to children of Israel to teach them personal and public hygiene.

The public health team went to work on inservice training of personnel in milk sanitation, sanitary inspection, food control, etc. Classes were held and the team became the teachers.

A vigorous attack is being made on the problems of sewage disposal and treatment, especially in the municipalities which grow so rapidly.

EDUCATION

Tackling the job of vocational education, teaching skills to the many unskilled immigrants who came to these shores, and improving the meagre skills of many others, was the first task for the Education team of technicians. This will assist the Israel Government's efforts to improve the occupational distribution of workers to bring about a better balance of economy.

To accomplish this, three plans were worked out between the Ministry of Labor and USOM:

- (1) Construction by the Israel Government of six technical schools at a total cost of IL.608,000. Equipment costing \$400,000 will be furnished. American technicians will assist in teacher training courses.
- (2) Furnishing equipment totalling \$100,000 for three agro-mechanic schools, five trade schools, and one auto-mechanic school for school-age youths.

- (3) Three technicians are furnished to the Productivity Institute to work with owners and managers of industrial establishments to improve individual and group productive capacity. A small amount of supplies will be provided.

In general education, the "team" ran into two major problems: to overcome the shortage of teachers and raise the standards of teacher training, and to increase the opportunities for high standard secondary education.

MINERAL RESOURCES

A great deal of hope has been placed in Israel on the mineral wealth of the Negev, and the Israel Government has worked out large-scale plans to uncover and exploit these resources.

To cooperate with Israel technicians and administrators in carefully exploring these possibilities, determining with certainty the existence of substantial quantities of the various "finds" and working out economically plans for mining operations,



Trainees Return from U.S.A.

three USOM technicians (two geologists and a mining engineer) are working in the Negev.

Specialist technicians are expected soon to augment this conquest-of-the-desert force. Counterpart Funds are also being used in developing the exploitation of mineral resources, such as those at the potash plant in Sdom.

Cattle Grazing Teams Burns Brush to Improve Grazing Lands





Vocational Training "Team"

Vocational Training in Action



WATER RESOURCES

Discovering and exploiting unused water resources for irrigation is one of the principal activities of the Israel Government in the field of agriculture. USOM technicians cooperate in these efforts.

You will see the USOM well-drilling advisor "jeeping" around the country, helping the drillers to solve the many problems of drilling with inadequate equipment, and the USOM dam building advisor may be seen at Ein Kerem or Mishmar Ayalon.

The USOM water resources technicians and the "water men" of Israel spend their time over maps and charts and figures. They plan for more technicians. They talk money: to date some \$7,000,000 has been "programmed" for irrigation projects, such as steel for pipelines, motors, pumps, etc. They talk of Counterpart Funds—some IL. 13,650,000. They talk of Israel's possible hydro-electric development.

INDUSTRY AND TRADE

Israel must keep the wheels of industry going faster and faster, to supply the needs of its own population and provide a surplus for the exports which are essential to attain economic self-sufficiency.

Millions of dollars are needed to bring raw materials purchased in the world market into Israel. More than a million dollars in Grant-in-Aid monies is used to bring industrial equipment into the country. Counterpart Funds are made available for loans to industry.

Then there are technical problems. Technicians are needed in such fields as textiles, chemicals and metal-working industries. Other specialists help in die-making, heat treatment of metals, regenerated rubber processing, food processing, administration, auditing.

TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC HOUSING

Each of these is a big field in itself in a rapidly growing and developing country.

Housing expenditures through USOM during the past fiscal year have been nearly \$6,000,000. Some IL.12,000,000 have been allocated for this division from Counterpart

Funds. Power development has used \$2,800,000 in this year.

The Israel Government and USOM have undertaken extensive technical offensives against such problems as those of railways, highways and ports in the transportation field; telephones and telegraphs in communications; electric power and public housing.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Improvements in public finance, tax structure, tax collection, personnel administration and public reporting are among the fields recognized by the Israel Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Finance as problems needing attention.

Three USOM technicians have been working with Israel officials on these problems. A specialist in public administration from a private firm in the United States has made an overall survey. One of the leading experts of the United States has made a report on manpower problems, under USOM auspices.

In addition to the overall surveys and the continuing study being made by a labor economist, Israel administrators are being sent to the United States for advanced study and further experience.

SPECIAL SERVICES

There are two special services in the Joint Projects Program which "cut across the board," or serve each of USOM's eight technical divisions.

They are the Training Service and the Audio-Visual Service.

Training Service

Some 60 Israel persons will be sent to the United States for technical training during the coming fiscal year under present plans. They come from all the USOM divisions.

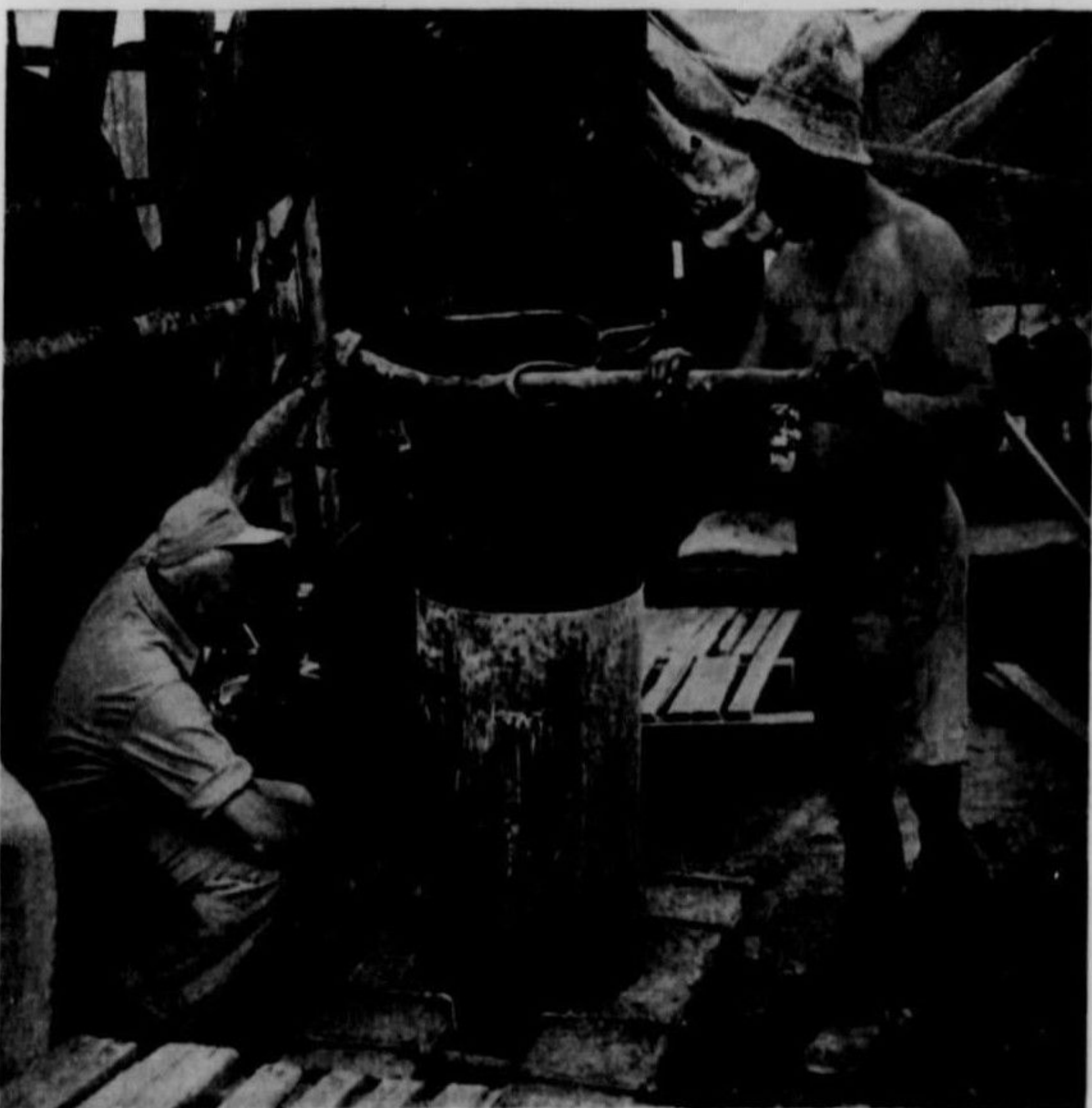
By the end of this fiscal year, the total number of "trainees" receiving this U.S. training will be about 170. There were 79 "trainees" during the past fiscal year and 30 in 1951/52.

Candidates for these traineeships must apply to the Israel Ministry concerned, be approved by the Office of Technical Assistance of the Prime Minister's Office and then be interviewed by a special USOM committee and finally approved by the USOM Director.

They must undertake to serve



Above : Teaching Citrus Picking Techniques. Center : More Needed Supplies from U.S. Below : USOM Expert in the Field (Water).



Israel for a specified period on their return.

Among the fields likely to be considered (not definite or complete) are :

Agriculture (Ministry of Agriculture): Education, extension work, research, fisheries, veterinarian services;

Public Health and Sanitation (Ministry of Health): Milk sanitation, environmental sanitation, nurses, internal medicine, mental hygiene;

Education (Ministry of Education): Vocational education, general education;

Water resources (Ministry of Finance): Well drilling, irrigation equipment maintenance, dams and earth work;

Mineral resources (Ministry of Development): Copper production, underground mining;

Transportation, Communications and Public Works (Ministries of Communications and Posts): Electric power engineer, harbor facilities specialist, road transport, postal communications, telephone and telegraph specialists;

Industry and Trade (Ministry of Commerce and Industry): Textile specialist, ceramic specialist, industrial standards, metal and rubber specialists, industrial planning;

Mass Communications: Film production, journalism, tourism, radio production, public relations, news photography;

Public Administration (several Ministries): Public finance, personnel administration, apprenticeship training, labor management.

AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICE

Technicians of the eight divisions of USOM are also aided by the audio-visual service. This is to provide the technicians with all the supporting material they may need to complete their tasks, such as moving picture films, recordings, posters, pamphlets. While producing and distributing these materials, a training program is to be undertaken to introduce the most modern methods in these fields.

What is USOM ? What is TCA

Two young Israel men were walking down Rothschild Boulevard in Tel Aviv when a jeep rolled by.

On the side of the jeep was a sign :

USA OPERATIONS MISSION IN ISRAEL

One young man was overheard to say: "That's McDaniel's outfit!"

The other: "No, that's Point Four. Mr. McDaniel's is TCA."

The young men could have been further confused if Grant-in-Aid had been mentioned.

The proper name of the administration in Israel which is handling both Grant-in-Aid and Technical Assistance is

THE UNITED STATES OPERATIONS MISSION IN ISRAEL (or USOM)

It was formerly known as the Technical Cooperation Administration or TCA.

USOM operates under authority of the Foreign Operations Administration in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Harold Stassen is Director of the Foreign Operations Administration.

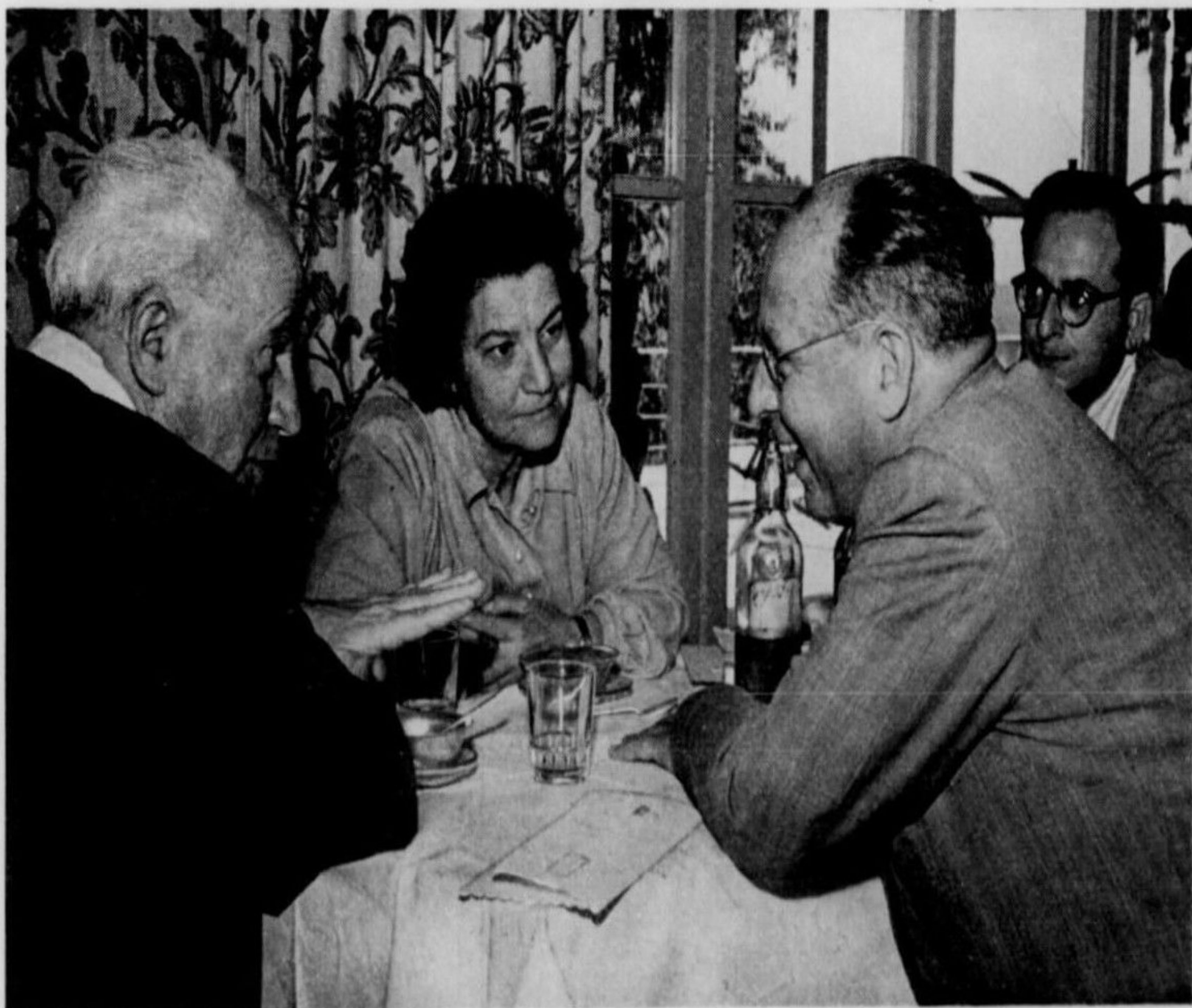
Mr. Bruce McDaniel is Director of the United States Operations Mission to Israel (USOM).

(The frequently-heard term "Point Four" is merely a popular reference to the technical assistance program administered by USOM.)

Basic Policy Governing Technical Co-operation Programs:

“It is declared to be the policy of the United States to aid the efforts of the peoples of economically undeveloped areas to develop their resources and improve their working and living conditions by encouraging the exchange of technical knowledge and skills and the flow of investment capital to countries which provide conditions under which such technical assistance and capital can effectively and constructively contribute to raising standards of living, creating new sources of wealth, increasing productivity and expanding purchasing power.”

(Section 403a of the Act for International Development)



David Ben Gurion and USOM's Bruce McDaniel Informally Discuss Progress

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

January 8, 1954

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

The following information will give you a brief resume of the U.S. technical assistance activities in Saudi Arabia up to the present.

According to information available here, technical assistance was first requested of the U.S. Government by the Saudi Arabian Government in 1949, when the Saudi Arabian Government requested assistance in developing and carrying out a water development program. Dr. Glen Brown was assigned to this job and work was started early in 1950, under Public Law 403, under a grant from the State Department. \$55,000 was made available to Dr. Brown and his assistant, Roy Jackson, to cover aerial photography in the Asir-Tihama area involving about 20,000 square miles. Field work was started in the Fall of 1950, but was interrupted frequently by urgent calls from the King and/or Minister of Finance to develop water supply for Riyadh and other centers of population. Two years later the field work in the Asir-Tihama area was finally completed and exploratory drilling was started by Bechtel, SAG contractors. \$650,000 of equipment was purchased by the Saudi Arabian Government and the cost of drilling crews and expenses was borne by the Saudi Arabian Government, plus cost of furnished housing for Dr. Brown, Mr. Jackson and their families.

On January 17, 1951, the U.S. Government and the Saudi Arabian Government executed an agreement whereby the former would provide technical assistance to the latter for the purpose of developing the economic resources and productive capacities of Saudi Arabia. The first two requests made by the Saudi Arabian Government for assistance under that agreement were in the fields of water development and public finance, including currencies, tariffs and customs. Mr. Arthur Young was sent here in February 1952 from the United States to study the public finance situation and as a result of such study he proceeded to set up what is now known as the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency. This job was completed and Mr. Young returned to the United States in October 1952. Mr. Robert Kennedy was sent here from the United States in August 1951 to study and revise tariffs. His activities culminated in a new Tariff Law becoming effective on December 3, 1952.

Mr. George Wadsworth,
United States Ambassador,
American Embassy,
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

In February 1952, Dr. Samuel Stratton was appointed the first Country Director of this Mission, remaining in that post until December of the same year, when his appointment expired. During his administration program agreements in the respective fields of activity were executed, as well as the agreements covering the Riyadh-Jidda Railway Survey and the Community Development. Although negotiations were carried on in other fields of activity, there were only four project agreements executed during the FY-53 period under the above program agreements -- (1) Aerial Survey, involving a U.S. expenditure of \$115,000; (2) Railway Survey, involving a U.S. expenditure of about \$300,000; (3) Quarantine Station, involving a U.S. expenditure of \$100,000 (\$50,000 of which was to carry over into FY-54), and (4) the Community Development, involving a U.S. expenditure of \$500,000. In addition to the above expenditures, there was the cost of U.S. Technicians on each project. The Saudi Arabian Government contributions for the above projects comprised -- (1) Quarters, subsistence and supplies for crews, as well as gasoline, oil and oxygen; (2) equivalent of \$27,000 for gasoline, oil and other supplies, housing and subsistence in Jidda for project manager and technicians, aircraft and crews for aerial reconnaissance; (3) about \$10,000 in modification of existing buildings, installation of electric generator and cost of installation of U.S. equipment, and (4) \$500,000 in kind and cash.

During the past year and a half 24 training grants have been issued, averaging about \$4,000 each, the Saudi Arabian Government contributing about the same amount.

Mr. John Dunaway arrived here in October 1951, to study and make recommendations on Customs administration. Many recommendations were made for improvement in procedure and administration of Customs but to date only a few have been made effective in spite of Mr. Dunaway's efforts, until October 1953, when he returned to the United States.

During the FY-53 period, little was accomplished in the Education and Agriculture fields, due to the adverse attitude on the part of the Saudi Arabian Government towards outside assistance in educational work and lack of any sort of agricultural organization within the Saudi Arabian Government.

During FY-54 the following projects have been or are being drawn up:

Agriculture	1) Livestock Improvement Farm near Jidda (\$42,300);
	2) Demonstration drainage and experimental station at either Qatif or Hofuf(\$38,000);
	3) Three demonstration range management plots (\$12,300).
Education	1) Dammam Industrial Training School (\$75,000);
	2) Jidda Commercial School (\$58,300);
	3) Elementary School planning (\$ 9,000).

Health and Sanitation	1)	Quarantine Station at Jidda	(\$50,000);
	2)	Maternal & Child Health Center at Jidda	(\$ 7,500);
	3)	Medical Library at Jidda	(\$ 2,000);
	4)	Immunization Program and Vaccine Laboratory at Taif	(\$85,000).
Natural Resources	1)	Establishment of Meteorological and Stream Gauging Station	(\$ 6,000);
	2)	Mineral Geological Survey of Western Areas	(\$70,000).
Transportation and Communications	1)	Installation of VOR equipment at Jidda	(\$75,000).

Although there are no specific projects under Public Administration, assistance in the fields of accounting, budgets, public administration, statistics and investment climate will be afforded provided FOA/W recruits requested personnel soon.

As of this date, the status of our FY-54 projects is as follows:

Actually executed -	Maternal & Child Health Center. Quarantine Station.
Signature expected any time -	Jidda Commercial School. Dammam Industrial Training School.
Ready to be presented for signature -	Livestock Improvement Farm. Medical Library. Installation of VOR at Jidda.
To be finished for presentation for signature	Demonstration Drainage and Experimental Station. Demonstration Range Management. Immunization Program and Vaccine Laboratory.
Yet to be discussed with the Saudi Arabian Government -	Elementary School Planning. Establishment of Meteorological and Stream Gauging Station. Mineral Geological Survey.

We expect to have all agreements executed within sixty days after the exchange of diplomatic notes is completed.

Sincerely yours,

Din Corson ①

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U.S. OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

December 27, 1953

Mr. Ralph R. Will
Director
USA Operations Mission to Pakistan
Karachi, Pakistan

Dear Mr. Will:

I have finally located the name and address of the firm who contacted me, before I left Washington, to offer their services on any grain drying and storage engineering problems which might arise here.

Their name and address are:

Drying Plant Engineers, Inc.
Suite 205
Commonwealth Building
1625 K Street N.W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Attention: J. K. Dunn, Pres.

It may be that they have already moved from the above address but I'm sure a letter addressed to them there will be forwarded to their new address.

Mr. Dunn informed me that his company has done quite a bit of grain drying and storage engineering work in Latin America and would gladly refer me to such accounts, if I wished to contact them for any reason.

I hope you had a pleasant trip back to Karachi. It was a pleasure to meet you and your officers at Istanbul.

Sincerely yours,

HJC
Harland J. Corson
Director
U.S. Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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US OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy
Jidda

December 14, 1953

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Your invitation to meet with the British Board of Trade Mission on Saturday, December 12, was received this morning.

I am sorry to have missed the honor of meeting with the Mission at your residence. However, the Trade Mission did honor me with a visit at my office yesterday. I was very glad to meet its members and to discuss matters pertaining to Saudi Arabia.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Director

Mr. George C. Pelham,

Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador,

British Embassy,

Jidda.

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In honour of the British Board of
Trade Mission to Saudi Arabia

Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador
requests the pleasure of the company of
Mr Gordon

at the Ambassador's Residence
on Saturday Dec 12th at 6.30 o'clock.

6.30—8.00 pm.

Sent Regrets
12/7/53

U.S. Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia
Jidda

November 28, 1953

Dear Dr. Tannous:

It was nice to hear from you. I gave Mrs. Melville's address to my wife and I'm sure she will be calling on her shortly. Please thank Mrs. Edgecombe for her kindness.

Both my wife and I appreciate so much the courtesies and thoughtfulness shown us by both Mrs. Tannous and yourself. We both enjoyed meeting you both very much indeed and hope that it will not be long before we four can be together either here or there.

Our programs, of course, are being held up awaiting the "wherewithal" to get them started. Imagine losing five months of the fiscal year waiting for budget approval and allotment of funds, and then trying to do everything in the remaining months. I hope this situation can be corrected for subsequent years.

Taylor, Hazleton and I will be going through Beirut on our way to the Istanbul meeting next month and hope we will see you all there.

With kindest regards from us both to you both, I am,

Sincerely yours,


Harland J. Corson
Director
U.S. Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

Dr. Afif I. Tannous
Deputy Director
U.S. Operations Mission to Lebanon
American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon

U.S. Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia
Jidda

November 9, 1953

Miss Betty Lou Zimmerman
US Operations Mission to Lebanon
American Embassy
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Miss Zimmerman:

Thank you for your note of October 22d. Mrs. Corson told me how nice you had been to her in Beirut. We both enjoyed meeting you, and appreciate your kindness in helping out on the cards.

Sincerely,

Harland J. Corson
Director, US Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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October 22, 1953

Dear Mr Carson:

Enclosed is bill for your
Cards. Mrs Carson left ^{LL 35.00}
and we closed the deal for
that amount. The remainder
of the cards are on the way
to Jidda via pouch.

I enjoyed meeting your
charming wife and hope
to see you both again soon.

Sincerely

Betty Lou Zimmerman

U.S. Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia
Jidda

November 8, 1953

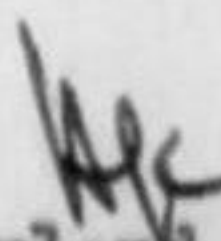
Mr. John H. Stanbaugh, Director
Near East, South Asia & Africa Operation
Foreign Operations Administration
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Jack:

I have just received some really good news; i.e. that you have been appointed Regional Director of FOA for this area. I surely have been pulling for you (in mind) and am so glad that such thoughts have materialized into positive action.

Please accept my heartiest congratulations on your appointment and be assured that you will be given no headaches from Saudi Arabia that are within our control here. All is well on this front.

Sincerely yours,


Harland J. Corson
Director
U.S. Operations Mission
to Saudi Arabia

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
~~THE UNITED STATES COOPERATION ADMINISTRATION~~
UNITED STATES OPERATIONS MISSION
TO SAUDI ARABIA

T.F.T.

File

Jidda, October 27, 1953.

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. E. F. Sinclair,
Chief, Transportation and Communications
Division.

FROM: Harland J. Corson, Director. *HC*

RE: Inventory.

I am desirous of having a complete inventory as soon as possible of all USOM property now on hand in the houses, offices and warehouse, including the automotive equipment.

Inasmuch as you have already initiated this inventory, I shall appreciate it if you will take over the supervision of making a thorough inventory in order that we may know where we stand. I have discussed this matter with Mr. Hazleton and he is agreeable to let you have Mr. Betzig as an assistant for the duration of this work.

I realize that you must keep in close touch from now on with Prince Tallal, Minister of Transportation and Communications, in connection with the various matters we have already discussed, and for this reason it may be that you will not be able to spend all of your time on the inventory and for this reason Mr. Betzig can make this work a full time proposition in order to consummate it at the earliest possible date.

It is suggested that the houses be taken first in order to get them in proper order. It must be understood by all concerned that once an inventory is taken of a house or apartment, no property will be moved without first obtaining the permission of the Executive Officer. This same procedure will also apply to property in the offices and the warehouse.

You may issue such implementing instructions as you deem necessary to accomplish the above objective.

Copy to:
Mr. W. B. Hazleton,
Mr. E. Betzig.

October 11, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Clifford Nelson
American Embassy

FROM: Mr. T. F. Taylor
Executive Officer
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

SUBJECT: Letter from His Excellency Minister of Finance and Economics
32 dated 24/1/74.

As suggested in the answered memo to you dated 10/9/54 I saw Saïik Husseinî this morning and requested a copy of the reference letter from Minfin. Mr. Husseinî stated that the letter was addressed to him and further stated that it was inter-departmental letter and therefore he will be unable to supply me with a copy. He suggested that if there was any question as to the validity of the memo to me dated October 4, 1954, that I or the Embassy should address a request to the Minister of Finance for a copy of the reference letter.

Mr. Husseinî read to me what appeared to be a para-phrased condensation of the Minister's letter. The pertinent part stated that His Excellency The Minister of Finance concurred with Mr. Husseinî that all equipment and supplies purchased with any funds made available FOA program Saudi Arabia should become property of the Saudi government.

American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia
September 20, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO : Mr. Robert L. Lindquist
Administrative Officer
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM : T. F. Taylor *TFT*
Executive Officer
USAOM/SA

SUBJECT: Shipment of U.S. Government-owned property to Iran,
Iraq, and Jordan.

It is requested that the Embassy secure export permits from the Saudi Arabian Government for the following items of equipment:

To Amman, Jordan to be shipped via Aqaba:
2 bulldozers - caterpillar
2 road graders - caterpillar
1 truck tank Rio

To Tehran, Iran:
8 refrigerators

To Baghdad, Iraq:
15 lift vans - household effects

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LETTERS FROM THE EMBASSY TO THE
MINISTER OF FINANCE.

Geological Survey

4 Cases air freight containing solid samples shipped on 7/18/1954. Washington.

Geological Survey.

4 Cases air freight containing pictures shipped on August 4/1954 by Mats Plian Dahrn.

Oklahoma One left Vans Containing personal effects.

The letter has been send to the Minister of Finance On September 12/1954 for Mr. Oits Parker.

EAST STANTEN WASHINGTON. One left vans containing personal effects.

The letter has been send to the Minister of Finance on Sep. 11/1954. for Mr. Rolf T. Skrindi.

IRAN. One left vans Containing personal effects.

The letter has been send to the Minister Of Finance on Sep. 11/1954 for Mr. Edward Betzig.

KARACHI, PAKISTAN. One left vans containing personal effects.

The letter has been send to the Minister Of Finance on Sep. 11/1954 for Mr. Oits Parker.

KENTUCKY One left vans containing personal effects.

The letter has been send to The Minister Of Finance on Sep. 11. 1954. for Dr. Willim J. Edens.

IRAQ. One left vans cont. Personal effects, one box Cont. groceries, and one left vans Cont. Jeep S.W. 1952.

The letter has been send to The Minister Of Finance on Sep. 11/1954. for Mr. Herbert E. Schwan.

IRAN. One left vans Cont. Personal effects.

The letter has been send to The Minister Of Finance on Sep. 1/1954. for Mr. Richard G. Bogue.

NEW YORK. One left vans cont. personal effects.

The letter has been send to The Minister Of Finance on August 25/1954. for Mr. Gier Brown.

LETTERS FROM THE EMBASSY TO THE
MINISTER OF FINNANCE.

NEW YORK. One box cont. privet care Hillman 1954, and one van cont. personal effects.

The letter has been send to The Minister Of Finnance on Aug.22/1954. for Mr. Roy O. Jackson.

NEW YORK. One box cont. metal mounted maps.

The letter has been send to the Minister Of Finnance on Aug. 22/1954 for Geological survey.

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TRIPOLI, LIBYA One box cont. privet care Nash 1950, and one van cont. personal effects.

The has been send to The Minister Of Finnance on Aug.22/1954. for Mr. Gus Gudarzi.

NEW YORK. One van cont. equipment.

The letter has been send to The Minister Of Finnance on Sep. 1/1954 for the property of the U.S.Government.

TEHRAN, IRAN. One van cont. Jeep S.W.

The letter has been send to the Minister Of Finnance on Sep.1/1954 for the property of the U.S.Government.

TRIPOLI, LIBYA. One box cont. one Jeep S.W.

The Letter has been send to The Minister Of Finnance on Aug.22/1952 for the property of the U.S. Government.

NEW YORK. One left Vans cont. personal effects.

The letter has been send to The Minister Of Finnance on Aug. 22/1954. for Miss. Jeennette E. Potter.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Acting Director, USAOM/SA

DATE: September 12, 1954

FROM : Embassy Administrative Officer *PS*

SUBJECT: Termination of Beit Sudairi Lease

The agent of Prince Sudairi has accepted in writing the lease termination letter sent him on August 30, 1954.

He requests that he meet with the Embassy for the purpose of arranging final details such as repair of the air conditioning apertures.

I should appreciate your designating an FOA representative to attend this meeting which, although unscheduled now, probably will be held on the 17th or 18th of September in the Embassy.

CC: FOA Lease File

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

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May 19, 1954
(date)

MEMORANDUM TO: Maj. Thomas Ragland
American Embassy
Jidda

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Request for Transportation on MATS on Space-Available Basis

It is requested that transportation to Dhahran
(destination)

on MATS on a space-available basis be furnished Willis B. Hazleton & Lois L. Hazleton
(name)

Program Officer and Dependent Wife, 54-56, Male & Female 117-158½
(title) (age) (sex) (weight),

U.S. Passport No. Sp. 16880 Sp. 62687,
(type & number)

The individual will be available for travel on or about May 24, 1954.
(date)

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Encls- 4 copies of Travel Authorization
No. USOM 108.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

April 26, 1954

Mr. Joseph Olenick
Vice Consul
American Embassy
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

Dear Joe:

I am attaching a receipt for head tax which I had to pay in order to return to Saudi Arabia on the occasion of my recent trip to Beirut and Cairo.

I discussed this matter with Bakur and he has advised me that the procedure to be followed is to request reimbursement for this expenditure through you. He further stated that there is a definite procedure followed and that you are familiar with this procedure and would set the matter in motion for me upon receipt of this request.

If this information is not correct, your further advice in this matter will be very much appreciated. In the meantime, if there is anything that can be done to secure reimbursement as soon as possible, I should greatly appreciate your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Robert D. Dolley
Chief
Education Division

Encl - Receipt dated March 14, 1954
from Cellatly, Hankey Co.
in the sum of 26.600 Egyptian
Pounds

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
American Embassy - Jidda

April 26, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Major Thomas B. Ragland
Air Attache
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Reservations on MATS

It is requested that reservations be made on the first available flight to Dhahran for the following personnel:

1. Patricia D. Anderson, Mrs.
Special Passport No. 20193
Age 29 Female
Dependent wife of August R. Anderson,
Vocational Education Specialist
Weight 170 lbs.
2. Mark C. Anderson
Special Passport #20193
Age 4 Male
Dependent son of August R. Anderson,
Vocational Education Specialist
Weight 50 lbs.

TFTaylor:o

Embassy 2

USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

February 20, 1954

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Clifford R. Nelson
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM: Harland J. Corson, Director
USA Operations Mission to Saudi Arabia

SUBJECT: Report on Preliminary Survey of Hejaz Railway.

As requested, I am sending you a copy of Ed Sinclair's memorandum covering the preliminary survey of the Hejaz Railway.

Encl. -
As above



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*Ditto for the
staff dtd
2/6/54*

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO

February 6, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. McCullars

Mr. Taylor, USOM ✓

FROM : Mrs. Miller, Mail & Records *MM*

SUBJECT: Wrapping of APO Parcel Post

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We have recently received complaints from the APO postal clerks regarding insecure wrappings on packages received for mailing from the Embassy. In several instances, it has been necessary for the clerks to practically re-wrap entire packages. It is suggested that all personnel of the Embassy and USOM be cautioned to wrap and tie their parcels securely. Use plenty of heavy paper for the outer wrapping and tie with heavy twine which has been wound around the parcel several times so as to be strong enuf to allow for handling the parcel by the twine.

A complaint has also been received concerning failure of senders to attach customs tags. In the future, packages received in the Embassy mail room with customs tags merely slipped under the strings will not be accepted for mailing but will be returned to the sender.

The present parcel post procedure used by the Embassy and USOM is a privilege which has been extended to us by the APO. Therefore, it is important that we make every effort to avoid inconveniencing their clerks any more than is absolutely necessary, or we may find ourselves denied the privilege. "



THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*Ditto for the
Staff dtd
2/6/54*

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO

February 6, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. McCullars

Mr. Taylor, USOM ✓

FROM: Mrs. Miller, Mail & Records *MM*

SUBJECT: Procedure for Mailing Parcel Post

Effective immediately, a new type of request will be submitted for mailing of parcel post packages. A sample of this request is attached.

The new form will be prepared in duplicate by the sender who will also sign both copies in the space at the bottom marked "FOR _____". Both copies will be forwarded with the package to the Embassy mail room. Prior to mailing, the Chief of the Mail & Records Section will sign one copy to accompany the package to the APO. The duplicate copy will be retained in a suspense file until the original has been returned from the APO with charges noted thereon.

In case several packages are mailed the same day, these should be numbered consecutively, i. e. "#1", "#2", etc. Place the number below the return address on the package. The accompanying request should indicate the appropriate number immediately below the date block. In this way, parcels can be identified later if any question arises concerning one of them.

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

MEMORANDUM

January 31, 1954

TO : Mr. C. J. McCullars
Acting Administrative Officer
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE : Request for Information on Asir Trip Purchases.

The General Accounting Office in a request for information dated September 25, 1953, Code 0890699 asked for evidence of expenditures and a copy of, or citation to, authority for employee to incur certain expenses.

The former Acting Executive Officer Mr. Stacy no doubt gave Mr. Moon permission to purchase 4 large gas drums, 220 gallons of gasoline, 1 small drum and 5 gallons of oil in connection with a trip of about 40 days duration that Mr. Moon made to the Asir region in S. W. Arabia. At this time this is the only explanation that this office can offer for these expenditures as both Mr. Moon and Mr. Stacy are no longer at this post.

TFTaylor; pa

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Thelbert F. Taylor

January 28, 1954

FROM: C. J. McCullars *CJM*

SUBJECT: File Copies of all Outgoing Correspondence Relating
to Personnel matters

Miss Moody, in addition to her functions as Chief of the Personnel Section and my secretary, has this date been assigned the duties of the Supply and Procurement Section. I am sure you will realize that she cannot type copies of material relating to personnel matters sent out by your office. Nevertheless, it is vital that these copies be placed in the official personnel files which are maintained in the Embassy. It would be greatly appreciated therefore if you would see that an extra copy is attached to all outgoing correspondence, marked for Miss Moody's attention.

CJMcCullars/hrm

cc: File Room

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Jane please note
file
SS
Saks
Anderson

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U.S. OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

January 18, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. C. J. McCullars
Acting Administrative Officer
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM: Thalbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Number of Copies of Cables Required by the Mission

For the past year or so our normal distribution of incoming cables has been three copies of each. This was determined by the Mission to be the minimum required for our needs. However, lately, for reasons unknown to us the number of copies furnished has been cut to two.

In view of our continuing need for three copies of each cable, and the shortage of clerical help in the Mission which precludes having extra copies typed here, it is requested that we again be furnished three copies of each cable, as in the past.

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U.S. OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

January 16, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. C. J. McCullars
Acting Administrative Officer
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM: Thelbert F. Taylor
Executive Officer

RE: Memorandum from Ministry of Foreign Affairs
dated December 30, 1953

In reference to the memorandum from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated December 30, 1953, clarification is requested as to what are considered to be "distant places" and "restricted areas".

Embassy 2

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USA OPERATIONS MISSION TO SAUDI ARABIA
Jidda

MEMORANDUM

January 13, 1954

TO : Mr. Joe Olenick, Consul, American Embassy

FROM: R. D. Dolley, Chief, Education Division

I have many problems, some of which you are familiar with, but I now have a new one that I think possibly you can be of some aid in helping me to solve. You probably know that I have spent considerable time during the past year trying to set up a visual aids program and that I have all of the facilities except manpower and film to get the program off the ground. I have the promise, at least, of the manpower to handle the situation but am still confronted with the problem of film. The USIS program offers the best immediate source of supply for film; however, their main library is in Lebanon which makes it necessary for me to communicate with them in order to make the arrangements for me to get these film. Doing business by mail between Jidda and Beirut is a serious handicap under the most ideal circumstances and although I have written concerning the subject of film, I have no assurance that satisfactory arrangements can be made to secure them from the source in Beirut. In the meantime, I have learned that you have custody of a large number of USIS films at the Embassy. I am wondering if it would be possible for you to loan me this film library now during the period of time that I am trying to make arrangements for film supply through other means. I will promise to take care of the film, clean them, see that they are properly stored, and return them to you intact whenever you would like to have them back. If it is possible for me to use these film currently, I would be able to at least use them as a means of getting my visual aids operation in shape and underway. I will certainly appreciate any assistance that you can give me in this regard and any advice that you may care to offer.

RDDolley/pa

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

December 1, 1953

TO: All Sections, American Embassy
All Sections, T.C.A.

SUBJ: Operation Schedule - Embassy Launch.

1. Launch Schedule

(a)	<u>Date</u>		<u>Depart Jidda</u>	<u>Depart Second Island</u>
	Dec. 4, 1953	Friday	11:30 am	3:30 pm
	Dec. 11, 1953	"	1:30 pm	5:00 pm
	Dec. 18, 1953	"	11:30 am	3:30 pm
	Dec. 25, 1953	"	1:30 pm	5:00 pm
	Jan. 1, 1953	"	11:30 am	3:30 pm
	Jan. 8, 1953	"	1:30 pm	5:00 pm
	Jan. 15, 1953	"	11:30 am	3:30 pm
	Jan. 22, 1953	"	1:30 pm	5:00 pm
	Jan. 29, 1953	"	11:30 am	3:30 pm
	Feb. 4, 1953	"	1:30 pm	5:00 pm
	Feb. 11, 1953	"	11:30 am	3:30 pm
	Feb. 18, 1953	"	1:30 pm	5:00 pm
	Feb. 25, 1953	"	11:30 am	3:30 pm

(b)

On request to the General Services Unit 24 hours in advance, special fishing trips may be arranged for Friday morning. For such trips the launch will depart from Quarantine Pier at 5:00 a.m. It will return to Jidda by 10:00 a.m. on days that the launch is scheduled to depart again for the normal run at 11:30 a.m., and by 11:00 a.m. on other Fridays. Every effort will be made to permit the use of the launch for special fishing trips, by Embassy and TCA personnel, on an alternate week basis.

2. The boatman is in charge of the operation of the launch and has the authority normal to the Captain of any hired vessel regarding the operation of the launch. He is authorized to advance or delay departure time if weather conditions warrant, refuse to enter treacherous waters, etc. Other conditions permitting, time schedules will be strictly maintained.

Clayton J. McCullars
Acting Administrative Officer

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File 2
Memo to/f. E.

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FOREIGN OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATION
Jidda, Saudi Arabia

MEMORANDUM

October 3, 1953

TO: Mr. Schubert E. Smith, Administrative Officer
American Embassy, Jidda

FROM: E. F. Sinclair
Acting Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Damaged Safe File Case; Missing Lock No. 14410.

We had a Shaw-Walker safe file case delivered to the office. However, upon its arrival it was discovered that the file case had evidently been dropped somewhere enroute and damaged to the extent that we cannot use it.

In order to relieve our filing situation, I obtained a bar lock file case from our Agriculture Division but found that lock number 14410 was missing. I was informed by Mr. Parker, in whose office this file case was located at the time, that he had never seen a lock with the file case.

This for your information.